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AIDS Tree Grove Planted Near CCC

Lesbian Lawyer Strikes Back

by Marghe Covino
OF MGW STAFF

Alison Jean Gude, dubbed "Robodyke" by fundamentalist anti-abortionists who have faced her at clinics throughout the country, has filed a \$2.5 million lawsuit against former Sacramento Union editor, Joseph Farah and the Sacramento Union newspaper.

Gude was acquitted of assault charges brought against her by Farah last year. She filed the suit charging that Farah sent a letter, written on Sacramento Union stationery, to State Bar officials urging that they find her unfit to practice law. The letter, which alleged Farah was punched in the face and stomach by Gude at an anti-abortion protest outside of a Sacramento clinic in August 1990, stated that she had no respect for the law. The letter was sent to the State Bar prior to Gude's acquittal by a jury on the assault charge Farah had filed against her.

The suit was filed Wednesday, April 1 in Sacramento Superior Court and charges that Farah maliciously defamed Gude in the letter which was dated, April 1, 1991. Gude charges the letter is libelous, that it injured her professional status and her social life and charges the newspaper with negligence for allowing the letter to be sent to the bar committee. The suit is asking for \$2.5 million in general damages in addition to court costs.

Sacramento Union attorney, Chad Schwartz who was obvious in his attendance at Gude's trial last year, stated Thursday that the letter was sent from Farah's personal viewpoint — not the corporate entity's. He said the complaint has "no merit" and the amounts requested have no relationship to the events that occurred.

Gude has been on hiatus since the ordeal of her trial last year and was unavailable for comment. ▼



Photo by Sonya Cox

Sacramento Mayoral Candidate Joe Serna and City Council member Illa Collins, working in cooperation with R.C.D.C. and All Seasons Nursery, helps plant the first memorial tree at the intersection of Bradshaw and Highway 50 near Pastor Glen Cole's Capital Christian Center. See more on page 11.

Anatomy of a Protest Part III: Community Reaction to CCC Action Mixed

by Dave Eckert
MGW ASSOC EDITOR

A recent survey reveals that the reaction of the gay and lesbian community to the action at Capital Christian Center this coming Easter is by no means unified. While there is widespread support for the need to confront fundamentalist Christians and express frustration with their message of hate and bigotry, there is less agreement on the timing of the planned action, along with a real concern about any possible disruption of the church services by demonstrators.

The answers to the question, "What is your reaction to the planned action by Queer Nation at Capital Christian Center on Easter Sunday?" were as varied as our

community. Several people expressed encouragement and support for the demonstrators:

Marghe Covino
President, Board of Directors,
Lambda Center

"There's a great deal of diversity in our community. Involvement and activism is to be commended no matter where we find it. However, I personally would like to see more consistent efforts being made in the area of fighting the theo-political movement. One demonstration on one day is not the answer. Consistent, persistent, constant awareness of the hate-filled activity these people are perpetrating against our community is the only way our freedoms can survive. Many observers of the theocrats are convinced that it's

too late, that they will win over our government and our institutions, and that oppression will have to take place before the American public will rise up against these practices. I don't believe that, and I hope that this demonstration will be a wake-up call, not only to the theocrats, but to our own community."

Michael Campbell
Fund Dev. Coord., CARES

"I agree conceptually with what Queer Nation wants to do. I definitely feel that they need to make their presence known. I'd like to see it organized with the media in mind so that there is a clear representation of what the issues are."

Rev. Jerry Sloan
President of California Association of PRIDE

"I will be there as an observer. The Capital Christian Center is, of course, a hotbed of anti-gay activity, and Pastor Cole is right in the middle of it. Perhaps a demonstration is in order to let him know how people in our community feel about it."

Many people, perhaps the majority of those surveyed, expressed reservations about the timing of the event and the possibility that church services might be disrupted:

Lynn Strawbridge
Military Veteran

"We can't impinge on other people's rights. You just can't go

around picketing churches. We need a dialogue rather than standing outside of churches. We need a two way conversation."

Dr. Neil Flynn
Medical Director, CARES

"I have mixed feelings about it. I think that Queer Nation has raised public awareness. Sometimes the awareness is negative and carries a negative image for gay and lesbian people. But as a veteran of the Viet Nam War protests myself, I know that the end result can be good. As far as Capital Christian Center is concerned, I would rather leave them alone on their very special day of worship and choose another time. But then, I

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Frustrated Loners...

Dear Editor:

I constantly hear law enforcement officials and the news media here describe many suspects who are being arrested and charged with heinous crimes as being depressed and frustrated loners.

I, for one, wonder if it has ever occurred to law enforcement officials, the news media and many Sacramentans that most of these suspects may not be depressed and frustrated loners by their own choice.

Although I am not a suspect or criminal, I would be described in this manner by the few people who know me here (and even myself). I am certainly not a depressed and frustrated loner by my own choice.

I did not experience this problem (of meeting people and establishing friendships and sexual relationships) when I lived in my friendly southern hometown in northwest Florida, Houston, San Jose, or numerous other cities. Based upon my past experiences, I do know and realize that it is not my fault that I am having this problem here.

Most Sacramentans seem to have a sixth sense when it comes to identifying and singling out "outsiders" (like myself) who were not born and/or raised here. Most Sacramentans fail or refuse to understand how difficult, depressing, frustrating and lonely living here can be for "outsiders" (like myself) who are on the outside of their cliques looking in. I have experienced this attitude more from fellow customers in the gay bars here.

Sincerely,
David Raffield

Mom's Not Always Right!...

Dear Editor:

I regret to report that the handsome young man in the cowboy hat who was a contestant in the Wreck Room's "Bare Chest" contest was not me. I'm over 40, greying (with alarming regularity), and couldn't hold a candle to this hot hunk. Please find his name (and number), publish his real name, and I'll do the rest.

Russ Dunn

PS: I would be considered the "Pat Paulsen" of the beefcake circuit.

Give Anarchy A Chance...

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Dave Eckert's article "Anatomy of a Protest, Part II: Who Controls the Mood?" In his article he implies that it is up to leaders to control the mood of a gathering, an assumption I cannot agree with. From my personal experience as an organizer during the Gulf slaughter, I learned that groups will regulate themselves if given the opportunity to do so. Unfortunately, spontaneous organization is rarely given a chance to happen and thus the positive manifestations that come from a leaderless group are seldom seen. However, there are examples of self-organization.

History shows us that the uprisings in Hungary (1956), Czechoslovakia (1968) and Paris (1968) happened without a leadership class and with little violence. Prior to the victory of the Fascists in the Spanish Civil

War, thousands of Anarchist collectives flourished in Spain in the early part of the century. Also, the revolutions of Eastern Europe in the late 1980's were, for the most part, spontaneous, leaderless and non-violent. There are many other instances of self-regulation.

Unfortunately, Eckert's article does not mention any example of leaderless situations while giving the reader the idea that without leadership chaos will ensue. As a result of this assumption, many readers will be scared away from leaderless situations such as the protest Queer Nation is planning for Glen Cole at the Capital Christian Center. I believe their fears are unfounded. The mass protests staged at the state Capitol and other locations during the Gulf slaughter lacked a solid leadership core and was regulated by the people themselves. The people, using their rationality, did not set upon people, property, etc., though emotions were high. Instead, they expressed themselves in many beautiful and creative ways. I don't expect any less from the CCC demonstration. Rather than rely on negative stereotypes of anarchy and unfounded fears about leaderless groups, in the future please give spontaneity and leaderlessness (anarchy) a chance.

Sincerely,
Scott Soriano

Enjoyed March 15 Issue...

Dear Editor:

Your March 15 issue is interesting to me because HIC (Homosexual Information Center) is having trouble, as you reported, getting our house remodeled because of the harassment from local Baptists, so the Queer Nation Bible Thumpers and Glen Cole are all too typical a problem. Your editorial is excellent, a lot of our problems come from religion, not only Christian, but Muslim and other religions.

It is difficult to see how any homosexual could still be giving their minds, bodies or money to support an institution that says terrible, untrue things about them. But then some blacks have accepted this religion that enslaved them. They shout about the same Bible that approves of slavery, keeps women "silent" and was used to keep forced segregation of the races (not voluntary) and made it a crime to

love and marry someone of another race.

But some "gays" have accepted society's ideas that we are no good and many blacks at one time accepted the view that they were sub-human and had no souls. Self-hatred is a terrible thing.

The book review of *Syphilis As AIDS* by Kathy Mengle is a very important subject. And I hope every one of your readers read "The World is Ending" by Keith Clark.

Sincerely,
William Edward Glover

"Queer Doesn't Work..."

Dear Editor:

Re: previous letter to the editor. The notion that people who don't like the word "queer" are "internally homophobic" and gay bashers is nonsense and rather narrow-minded. "Queer" is fine for some people, but for many people who are more politically moderate, it is not OK, and it is ludicrous to automatically tag people as homophobic

Blather:

"...empowerment through taking back the word for ourselves."

and bashers because of their dislike. I can't speak for everyone, but I think it is safe to say that those who don't prefer the word recognize that our community is fighting an image war and that perhaps in the long run "queer" is not good for much beyond its shock value.

For many of us, queer is a deeply hurtful and derogatory word. I believe such words have no place in a matured and dignified society. I resent the perpetration of a label so many of us don't want. Personally, I don't buy all that blather about "empowerment through taking back the word for ourselves." That idea might make those who think "queer" is cute and catchy feel better about things. But to me, they are empty words made up to defend and rationalize a not-too-well thought out use of an offensive word.

I submit that Queer Nation should truly examine whether they hurt or help us all. Get real—why use a word that alienates members of your own community?

Carmen Maldona

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▼ under the dome CAP PAC Announces Endorsement Meeting

CAP PAC, the community's political action committee, will be holding an endorsement meeting on Saturday, April 25, at the Lambda Center. The purpose of the meeting is to review candidates for the June election and make decisions on endorsement and financial contributions. To better serve candidates and the community, the following schedule will be followed by the Board:

City of Sacramento Races 10-11am
1. Sacramento Mayor Race
2. Sacramento City Council Race, Dist. #2.
3. Sacramento City Council Race, Dist. #4.
4. Sacramento City Council Race, Dist. #6.
5. Sacramento City Council Race, Dist. #8.

Sacramento County Races 11-11:30am
6. Sacramento Cty. Board of Supervisors, Dist. #3.
7. Sacramento Cty. Board of Supervisors, Dist. #4.

National Races 11:30am-12:30pm
8. House of Representatives, 3rd Cong. Dist.
9. House of Representatives, 4th Cong. Dist.
10. House of Representatives, 5th Cong. Dist.
11. House of Representatives, 11th Cong. Dist.

State Senate Races 1-1:30pm
12. State Senate District #1
13. State Senate District #5

State Assembly Races 1:30-2:30pm
14. Assembly District #4
15. Assembly District #5
16. Assembly District #8
17. Assembly District #9
18. Assembly District #10

Other Campaigns 2:30-3pm
19. Gary Miller
20. Kevin Wadsworth

Barbara Boxer Scheduled at RCDC

Barbara Boxer, a leading candidate for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate, is slated to appear at the River City Democratic Club's endorsement meeting at 6:30pm, Monday, April 20, at the Sierra 2 Community Center, 2791 24th St.

Boxer is one of several candidates, including Congressman Mel Levine of LA and Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy, seeking the Senate seat held for years by retiring Sen. Alan Cranston.

Boxer is one of many Democratic candidates for federal, state and county offices invited to appear at RCDC's April candidate's forum, including Gray Davis, Diane Feinstein, Robert Matsui and Pat Malberg—all candidates for the U.S. Senate or the House of Representatives. Because of their packed schedules, most have not yet confirmed their visit with RCDC.

State Senate candidates Tom Romero and Patrick Johnston have been invited. Romero is challenging incumbent Republican Tim Leslie in the northeast part of the state, and Patrick Johnston is an incumbent whose Stockton district extends north to Elk Grove and parts of south Sacramento.

Every Democrat running for the State Assembly in Districts 4, 5, 9 and 10 has been invited. That group includes Ed Smeloff, Kay Albani, Phil Isenberg, Joan Berry and Jack Robbins.

Two Democrats running for the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors have been invited: Jane Hagedorn, the District 3 candidate; and Lou Loera, the District 4 candidate. According to several reports, both of them have declared their opposition to county sponsorship of any domestic partnership plan or county endorsement of any Gay Freedom Day observance.▼

Anne Rudin Makes Her Final Appearance Before CAP PAC as Mayor

Mayor Anne Rudin, a long-time friend and supporter of Sacramento's gay and lesbian community, will be the keynotespeaker at the California Capital Political Action Committee (CAP PAC) annual fundraiser dinner on Saturday, May 30, 1992. The dinner, which begins at 7pm in the Sacramento Community Convention Center Metropolitan Room, will most likely be Mayor Rudin's final appearance before CAP PAC while she is mayor. Rudin, who was elected Mayor of Sacramento in 1983 and re-elected in 1987, is not running for a third term in the June 2nd primary elections. Her term as mayor will end next November.

As mayor, Anne Rudin has given special attention to the needs of Sacramento's minority populations, and the gay and lesbian community has been no exception. She introduced anti-discrimination ordinances in Sacramento that protects gays and other minorities from discrimination in housing and in the work place, and has recently proposed to recognize domestic partnerships of unmarried couples in the city. While this proposal has drawn the ire of many local fundamentalist church leaders, Rudin maintains that the political and social climate in Sacramento is right for proposing such a law, and has asked the City Attorney to study what other cities have done and the cost of such programs.

Besides her strong record of support for civil and human rights, Mayor Rudin is also recognized as



Sacramento Mayor Ann Rudin

a leader in Sacramento's economic growth and development. As a member of the board of the Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization, she has worked to strengthen and diversify Sacramento's economic base and is responsible for creating the City's Office of Economic Development.

Rudin is also largely responsible for spearheading the development of Sacramento's light rail system and the overall improvement of public transportation in Sacramento. She has been a frequent guest at many fund raising events hosted by Sacramento's gay and lesbian community, especially events for AIDS and AIDS-related organizations.

"Anne Rudin has been the best friend this community has had in city government," says Tom Burns, co-chair of CAP PAC. "Now, as she prepares to retire as

Sacramento's Mayor, it's time for us to show our appreciation." Carolyn Langenkamp, CAP PAC's other co-chair, adds, "The CAP PAC dinner this year will be a moving and emotional tribute to this very special lady."

Besides the more than 500 persons expected to turn out for the dinner, the event is also expected to attract more than two dozen elected officials including members of Congress, members of the State Legislature, judges, county supervisors and Sacramento City Council members.

CAP PAC, established in 1988, is Sacramento's bi-partisan lesbian and gay political action committee. The organization supports the election of politicians who support gay and lesbian issues. Tickets for the May 30 dinner are \$75 a person and can be ordered by calling 432-1475.▼

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understand what Queer Nation is feeling, because CCC and places like it have intruded so deeply into the lives of gay and lesbian people and people with AIDS, and we must fight back."

Kathy Ewing-Connors Bookstore Manager

"People who are oppressed, slandered and defiled need a voice. The impact of the Queer Nation action will be felt nation-wide because of Glen Cole's position within his denomination. Peaceful demonstration needs to be supported. Anything that disrupts church service doesn't need our support."

Debra Bird

Insurance Representative

"I don't understand. Easter is about our collective victory, and this is so divisive. I don't think that we ought to do this. I don't think we ought to disrupt a church service just to get our point across."

Rev. Ed Sherriff

N.W. Dist. Coord., UFMCC

"I don't support the action, but I do support the cause. I don't think they have a right to disturb a church service. But I can understand their feelings because of the homophobia."

There was also a real concern expressed about the possibility of violence:

Jim Ulisse

Chaplain Intern, UC-D

"I don't want any violence, especially from our people. I think the demonstration should be completely non-violent. But I think it's appropriate. I think that Cole needs to know that he can't abuse this community and spew his hate toward us without repercussions. My prayers are with both the demonstrators and their church, too. I want them to both know that the love of God knows no bounds."

One respondent expressed his view that demonstrations are not enough:

Michael Boyd

Co-Chair, R.C.D.C.

"As strongly as I applaud the individuals who demonstrate outside the church, I urge involvement in the on-going efforts with groups fighting for our rights. It is not

enough to show up once in a while to voice demands and then let others continue the fight. Our cause demands and deserves more."

One individual expressed a different view of the situation:

Charlie McNeil

Exec. Dir., SAC AIDS Foundation

"Seventy-five percent of all HIV transmissions reported by the World Health Organization are attributed to heterosexuals. This fact would seem diametrically opposed to the idea that AIDS is a curse from God."

A few people expressed outright opposition to the protest, fearful of its impact on relations between the gay/lesbian community and its non-gay supporters:

Lou Camera

Treasurer of CAP PAC

"I can't think of any single action that will stimulate the members of the Capital Christian Center to assist in their voter registration drive which is planned for April 26th. The proposed action on Easter Sunday is exactly what the fundamentalist Christians want as an excuse to point fingers at perceived radical gays and lesbians and use this as a reason why we should not have equal rights. The action will create a need for many in our community to do clean up work with gay and lesbian supporters at all levels of government and in the non-gay community."

The protest at Capital Christian Center is scheduled for Sunday, April 19, at 8am.

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A U.F.M.C.C. Challenge:

Dear Pastor Cole,

I write to you on this holiest of seasons as one shepherd to another, sharing the goal of tending for souls for Jesus Christ.

While neither myself or my church can approve of any action which would disrupt a religious service, we recognize that Queer Nation is expressing the frustration and pain that gay and lesbians feel at the relentless oppression and homophobia that they have experienced at the hands of fundamentalists. Several years ago, while inviting clergy to a prayer vigil for persons with AIDS, Pastor Cole must remember that he wrote to us, "God will not listen to your prayers because of your lifestyle."

Pastor Cole, this division between Christians who support the gay and lesbian community and Christians who insist on oppressing the gay and lesbian community is devastating to the Church as a whole. In the spirit of Christian unity, I want to challenge you to a public discourse at a time and place of your choosing to dialogue concerning your position of intolerance while gay and lesbian Christian souls are dying due to hatred and bigotry. I faithfully and patiently await your reply.

Rev. Elder Freda Smith
Vice Moderator, U.F.M.C.C.
Senior Pastor, River City MCC

Protest Update: Protesters and SAC Sheriff Meet

Recently the Police Liaison Committee of the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Town Council, represented by Clemente Enriquez and Emma Childress, facilitated a meeting between a group calling itself Sacramento Queers and Lesbians for Awareness (SOLA) and the Sacramento Sheriff's Department, represented by Capt Henry Serrano. At that meeting positions were outlined and information exchanged about the upcoming protest at Capital Christian Center. At that meeting, SOLA asserted that Queer Nation Sacramento was no longer affiliated with the Easter Sunday protest, and that they were the organization responsible for that action. They affirmed that the demonstration was intended to be non-violent, and that illegal actions would not be encouraged. They indicated that monitors identified by lavender arm bands would be present during the demonstration to pass out information on the consequences of certain actions, including the penalties for disrupting a church service. The sheriff's

department, in turn, agreed to honor the protester's buddy system, whereby if any individual was taken aside by sheriff's deputies for any reason, that person was entitled to a buddy for support. The buddy agreement would be terminated in the event of an arrest. In an agreement facilitated by the representative of the Police Liaison Committee, the deputies also agreed to give a verbal warning to anyone observed breaking the law prior to an arrest.

The Sheriff's Department will videotape the protest as well as all arrests and bookings to provide additional clarity should any controversy arise.

After the protest a follow-up meeting will be held to determine if all pre-demonstration agreements and commitments were kept and to air any complaints. This meeting will also be facilitated by the Police Liaison Committee of the Gay and Lesbian Town Council.▼

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Conviction of White

Supremacists

Upheld in

Bomb Plot

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — The U.S. Court of Appeals Tuesday, April 1, upheld the convictions of three white supremacists for conspiring in May 1990 to blow up a gay disco in Seattle.

Stephen E. Nelson, Robert J. Winslow and Procter J. Baker were convicted in October 1990 of planning to blow up the Neighbors Disco and had knowingly made an explosive device, carried firearms, and crossed state lines to commit the crime by a Boise, Idaho, jury. The three men, who had been linked with the white supremacist group, Aryan Nation, during the trial appealed the conviction on grounds the FBI had acted illegally by infiltrating the Aryan Nation to obtain the conviction.

But the three-judge Court of Appeals rejected the defense argument and ruled that the FBI had acted lawfully in using undercover information to gain access to the organization. The court also ruled there was enough evidence to convict the three men on related racketeering and weapons charges in connection with the bombing plot.

Nelson and Winslow had been arrested in Seattle after traveling with an FBI informant where they bought materials to make a bomb. Baker was arrested later in Idaho for helping plan the bombing although he did not go the Seattle with the two other men.▼



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Photo by Brian Ashby
Jeff vonKaenel, Publisher of Sacramento News and Review, presents "Best Gay Spot" to Faces' representatives Richard Boriolo and Ron Heinrich



MGW was among recipients of "Best of Sacramento" Awards that Sacramento News and Review sponsored. Publisher Jeff vonKaenel congratulates MGW Publisher Linda Birner, Lynne Ohlson and Photographer Brian Ashby for receiving an editors choice award for being "...The Best Rag No Longer in a Plain Brown Bag..." MGW came out of the bag last year on "National Coming Out Day".



Photo by Brian Ashby
Sherri Jordan, owner, and Terza Haddix, manager of Moment of Touch on J Street, received Sacramento's Best Award for "...The Best Place To Please All Your Senses".

Was It A Nightmare?: "Hatchet Face" Pastor Glen Cole

by Joanna L. Cassese
GUEST WRITER

That morning I awoke with a feeling I wasn't able to shake. Because I felt an uncomfortable presence, I looked around my bedroom to make sure I was alone. As I was showering to begin my workday, threatening words and phrases were running through my head, and I began to feel a fear that was much too real.

Soon the words running through my mind began to form pictures, scenes. The whole incident which perpetrated my fears unfolded like a bad dream. I found myself feeling frightened, paranoid and concerned about the safety of my life and the lives of my closest friends.

In my mind I was brought to a breakfast setting in a church meeting room. As I stood in line to gather up muffins and fruit, I looked at the people surrounding me. It was so obvious I didn't belong there, and I was panic-stricken at the thought that someone might find out I was not part of the group—that I was actually spying on them. They hated me, and they didn't even know me. They hated me just because I was born loving women—for I am a lesbian.

I was plopped in the middle of a meeting of The Christian Citizenship Campaign for Voter Registration. In reality, it was a Christian campaign to abolish the "teachers of sexual perversion" and to save "the millions of babies killed in the womb."

As I listened to the many conversations taking place while I was standing in line, it became clear to me that these people were extremely organized and committed to their cause. They had all the bases covered, from practical to legal. "Be sure not to sound too partisan," they were told. "We can talk about voter registration from the pulpit, but we can't tell anyone how to vote. Through biblical teachings we can succeed. We can even use our church address list and phone numbers and create a phone tree. We will call every registered voter before Election Day and emphasize the importance of going to the polls."

As I heard comments about "homosexuals" and how they (I, you, we) are destroying the morals of their children and this country, my legs began to shake and I felt a fear I've never felt before. There people were after me! They don't even know me or what I believe in. They have no idea how I feel! "With God we can turn this country around—not upside down, but right side up," they said.

I wanted to stand up and shout, "And you think I and my community are responsible for turning this country upside down? You think that I and my community are responsible for the rapes, murders, sexual and child abuse? Take another look around, folks! Read the statistics and the newspapers, not your interpretation of the Bible."

The worst part of this "nightmare" was when Pastor Glen Cole

stood up in front of the crowd of nearly 100 men and a handful of women. (Marghe Covino's description of Cole as "hatchet-faced" must have stuck in my mind, for that's exactly how he appeared.) He talked about how the Christians have been brain-washed by the media about the separation of church and state. "It's time to find a way to work around the system to bring this country back under the leadership of God and the Bible," he said. "This interpretation of everything God said in the Bible also knows the intent of the Founding Fathers of this nation—and they intended it to be Christian and Bible-believing."

My mind was in a whirl, and the fear in me continued to build. "What if someone here finds out I'm a lesbian? Can they tell by looking at me? I shouldn't have come! I'm going to be lynched, I just know it!"

The real nightmare is that this dream was really reality. I was actually there, and I heard just such statements. The Christian Right here in Sacramento is truly organizing a lynch mob, and the noose is around each and every one of our necks. Through their vote they hope to succeed in taking back the government and putting it in the hands of their version of God. They hope to succeed in creating laws that will force us back into the closet, and they will throw away the key.

And what are we doing about it? From time to time a small vocal group represents us with noisy unorganized demonstrations which I feel supports the fundamentalists' belief that we are different, we are "queer." Do these tactics take their power away, or are we adding fuel to the fire? Do we even know what message we are trying to send?

There are literally thousands of gay men and lesbians in Sacramento who are sitting at home watching the news and shaking our heads. But what else are we doing? Are we voting? Are we writing to our Representatives and telling them what we want? I don't think a majority of us are. We keep letting a handful of people in this community do all the work. By the way, does that even make us a community?

Over 100 people showed up at the prayer breakfast to learn how to successfully take power away from the "homosexuals." At the last meeting I attended at the Lambda Center for the purpose of planning our political and social future, five individuals showed up. Five! One-twentieth of the Christian turn-out. With such lop-sided participation, guess who will win the upcoming elections? Given the present effort on both sides, guess what our future will look like, what your future will look like in a few short years?

We may all wake up one morning and actually find someone (or something) in our homes. They will have search warrants, guns and handcuffs, and they will lead us to a place we do not want to go, and

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by Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV EDITOR

Alarming Stats Still Ignored...

As we head into the second decade of the AIDS epidemic, millions of Americans still believe they are not at risk. In reality, one out of every 250 people is HIV-positive, and every thirteen minutes another person is infected. During this coming year, it's projected that 40,000 Americans will become newly infected, and as many as 40,000 whose disease has advanced to AIDS will die. Renewed visibility is being brought to the epidemic by the recent announcement that tennis great Arthur Ashe has AIDS. In Sacramento, it's estimated that as many as 5,000 people may be infected who have not yet, for whatever reasons, been tested and begun treatment to manage their disease. Approximately 1,000 Sacramentans are currently being treated for AIDS and HIV disease.

Message Not Absorbed...

New York now makes condoms available upon request to its 260,000 high school students at 120 public schools; parental permission is not needed. Los Angeles will soon also provide condoms to the 132,000 high schoolers in that city—but not if parents have submitted a written objection.

But a survey of 1150 high school students across the country shows that, even though nearly all of them know how AIDS is contracted, very few of them use condoms or have changed their behaviors in any way to protect themselves from the virus. New educational efforts spearheaded by the Centers for Disease Control will specifically target all sexually active young people, women, and small-town Americans, who tend to believe that they are not at risk for infection.

Worldwide, 90 percent of all new AIDS cases last year were heterosexually transmitted. In this country, the rate is not that high, but is growing alarmingly. Government officials tend to look at these figures (still low compared to AIDS among gay men) and feel the situation is under control in the heterosexual community. They are not taking into account that the people getting AIDS today have been infected for as long as the past 10 years, and have probably not been using protection to guard against the spread of the virus. The next 5-10 years will show the result of our government's decisions to put the majority of the limited funding they've provided into research rather than education and caregiving.

Academy Awards Respond to AIDS...

A powerful Academy Awards show this year: the AIDS crisis was mentioned over and over, the majority of the audience proudly wore red ribbons signifying their support of people with AIDS, actor Richard Gere called for a diversion of the defense budget into AIDS research, scenes from *Common Threads, the Quilt* were shown, and the life partner of Howard Ashman, who died of AIDS just before winning the Oscar for writing the score for "Beauty and the Beast," received the award on behalf of his lover.

The Quilt...

If you're interested in going to Washington, D.C. to see the Quilt in October, call Mark Bauer at the AIDS Foundation (448-2437) before the end of April. Mark will try to get a discount on plane fares if a large contingent from Sacramento wants to go.

If you'd like to make a quilt panel to be displayed in D.C., it needs to be completed by July 4. Mark at the Foundation is also coordinating the collection of Sacramento panels; the panels will then be taken by Frances Wright to the NAMES Project office in San Francisco. Call Frances at 646-6122 for information. Panels may also be taken individually to San Francisco prior to July 10.

New PG&E Low Income Rates...

Income limits for PG&E's rate assistance program, which gives qualified customers a 15 percent discount, have been increased. Maximum annual income for a one or two-member household is now \$14,900; for a three-member household \$17,400. Customers may qualify if they receive food stamps, SSI or other programs. Call 383-2323 for more details and an application.

Thank you to Dr. Bary Siegel for his continued oversight of this column.▼

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4th Of July Quilt Panel Deadline Nears for NAMES Project

by Sonya Cox
MGW AIDS/HIV EDITOR

On October 11, 1987, the NAMES Project, a lasting symbol of love created from the heart of a San Francisco man named Cleve Jones, displayed the Memorial Quilt for the first time on the Capitol Mall in Washington, D.C. The Quilt contained 1,920 panels, and half a million people visited the Memorial that weekend.

Over 136,000 Americans have now lost their lives to AIDS, and the Quilt has grown to 15,000 panels, each dedicated to the memory of a fallen loved one. This display of the Quilt this October, again in Washington, D.C., may well be the last time it can be shown in its entirety because of its size. Over 2 million people have seen the Memorial display in the past four years, and the upcoming showing—just prior to the November elections—is expected to draw an enormous amount of attention.

In order for the NAMES Project to get additional panels into the October display in D.C., panels must be in their hands the first week in July. Once panels are received, they are stitched together in sections containing eight panels each. Over 168,000 feet (32 miles) of thread have been used so far to hold the panels together.

Mark Bauer of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation's Hand-to-Hand Project is coordinating the collection of Sacramento panels. They must be in Mark's office (920 20th Street) by July 4th. From Sacramento, they will be taken by Frances Wright of the Foundation's "Mother's Support Group" to the NAMES Project in San Francisco. (For specific details, call Frances at 646-6122.) Panels can also be taken directly to San Francisco early in July (call 415-863-5511 for more information about Quilt panels).

Creating a Memory

Design your panel with the name of your friend or loved one; use dates of birth and death, a hometown or the name of the town the person called home, and anything you'd wish for your memorial (a favorite shirt, etc.). Remember that the Quilt is folded and unfolded many times, so use durable materials. If a heavy, quilted material is used, a panel of a single thickness will be sufficient. If a light or medium weight non-stretch fabric such as cotton, cloth remnants, or drapery material is used, it may need to be doubled for durability. Two panels can be bonded together when

the artwork is completed by a padding such as "stitchwite", available from fabric stores. The finished panel must be 3 feet by 6 feet, but leave three inches all around (contain no lettering or artwork) for the Names project to hem your panel and to connect it with other panels.

Sew all letter or mementoes onto the top layer of fabric; do not use glue—it will not last. Use textile paints, color-fast dye, or indelible ink pens—do not use thick, sticky paints. Place your design onto the fabric with a pencil, then use a brush to apply textile paints. Do not use any glass or sequins or other materials that can tear the folded quilts. Try to avoid bulky objects such as teddy bears. The best way to include photos or letters is to photo-copy them onto iron-on transfers, iron them onto 100% cotton

fabric, and then sew this fabric to your panel. You may also place a photo in a clear plastic vinyl and sew it to the panel (off-center so it avoids the fold).

Prepare a one or two page letter about the person you've remembered, your place in that person's life, and a photo if you have one, to be kept in the NAMES Project archives. Be sure to include your name and the names of others who helped create the panel, as well as their addresses and phone numbers. Be sure to mention the cities you want the panels displayed in, and the full name of the person the panel is for in the event you didn't use his or her full name on the Quilt. If possible, also include a financial contribution to help defray the costs of adding the panel to the Quilt.▼

AIDS Drug Bill On The Move

by Marghe Covino
OF MGW STAFF

A bill which broadens the current Department of Health services definition for the use of new drugs for terminally ill, AIDS and cancer patients, is now in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. The bill, AB 2556, sponsored by Assemblymember Richard Katz (D-Sylmar) will provide immediate access to new treatments for AIDS related and other illnesses.

The bill provides a specific standard by which drugs approved by the FDA for use in the treatment of AIDS related conditions and can

cer would be added to the Medi-Cal list of contract drugs immediately. "Immediate access to new treatments will offer tremendous relief to AIDS patients and their families who now face roadblocks in their search for life sustaining drugs," Katz said.

"Men and women suffering from AIDS related conditions and cancer do not have the luxury of waiting for the bureaucracy to work for them," Katz said. "We must remove the bureaucratic barriers to life prolonging treatments now."

The bill has passed in the Assembly Health Committee and will be heard in Ways and Means later this week.▼

AB 2346 Endangers AIDS Funds

by Marghe Covino
OF MGW STAFF

Assembly Bill 2346, the so-called 'deficit trigger bill' introduced Monday by Speaker Willie Brown (D-San Francisco) is causing grave concern among AIDS activists and educators.

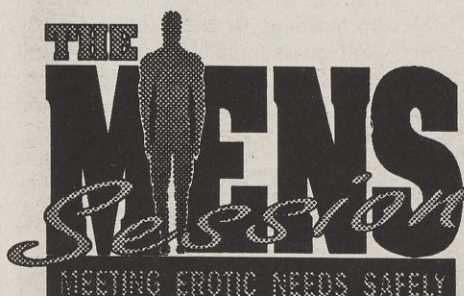
If passed, AB 2346 will allow the Governor to take reductions of up to 18 percent from various existing local assistance programs. The cuts would be made in increments of six percent and would be 'triggered' by each \$645 million in deficits above the already existing \$2 billion deficit.

According to John Dunn-Mortimer, lobbyist for AIDS Project Los Angeles, "A six percent trigger cut would cause \$3 million in reductions primarily to prevention and education; AIDS drug and home

health care programs. There are other AIDS programs which would also be affected," Dunn-Mortimer said.

"The very first cut will put that \$15.5 million in federal funds at risk," Dunn-Mortimer said. "Even though it can be viewed as part of the maneuvering that goes on up here (in the Capitol) we have to take it very seriously."

Assembly Bill 2346, introduced in Assembly Ways and Means as part of the budget package, has already passed out of committee and comes up for vote on the floor of the Assembly tomorrow, April 2. According to Brown's Press Secretary, Jimmy Lewis, "if the 52 votes are not there to pass any part of the package he (Brown) will take the necessary parliamentary steps to get it to the Senate."▼



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Wall Street Journal...

On November 4 the *Wall Street Journal* published an article on the growing gay and lesbian rights movement in Japan. The article profiled Hiroshi Niimi, a gay man organizing the community in Tokyo, and his legal struggle to obtain a meeting place for the Association for the Gay and Lesbian Movement. The reporter, Yumiko Ono, exposed the homophobia of Japanese society (identified as a Western import), and placed the issues in cultural context, discussing the traditional aversion of the Japanese to any activism, the differences between prejudice against gay men and lesbians, and the pervasive censorship of sexual issues.

Write to Paul E. Steiger, Managing Editor, The Wall Street Journal, 200 Liberty Street, N.Y., NY 10281, (212) 416-2000.

Toyota

Toyota recently ran an ad in the Australian lesbian/gay magazine *Outrage*. The ad featured the caption "The Family Car," and the text read "For some people, a family car is one that has room for a tribe. When we talk to you about a family car, we mean a car that is big enough for a couple and their friends to stretch out in comfort." Two gay men comprised the family featured in the photo. Not only is Toyota supporting the lesbian/gay press, it is helping break down bigoted definitions of the word "family,"—a work all too often used by hate groups as a code for bigotry and exclusion.

Write and call Toyota. Tell them you'll look for ads like the Australian one in American publications, and ask that they produce some ads featuring lesbians. If you buy their cars, be sure and let them know.

Write to Y. Togo, President, Toyota Motor Sales, Box 2991, Torrance CA 90509, toll free tel 800-331-4331.

Mel Gibson

Actor Mel Gibson recently appeared on the ABC TV program *Good Morning America* to respond to GLAAD charges that he made homophobic remarks in an interview with a Spanish newspaper. Gibson neither denied nor retracted the comments, saying "If someone

wants my opinion, I'll give it. What am I supposed to lie to them?"

Gibson's original comments had ridiculed gay men and anal sex. He had also revealed that he feared being perceived as gay because he was an actor, and went on to say "but with this look, who's going to think I'm gay? It would be hard to take me for someone like that." It was clear from the context that the remark was not meant ironically.

Make sure Mr. Gibson knows that spreading homophobia hurts people, and will hurt his career. Write to him c/o Ed Limato, ICM, 8899 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles CA 90048

Julia Child

If you were a celebrity, a world famous chef, let's say, and you were publicly charged with being "rabidly homophobic," what would you do? This is what has happened to Julia Child, and the only response she's been able to muster is "no comment." Child, along with the American Institute of Wine and Food, is being sued for homophobic discrimination by a job applicant who says he was told that Child was "rabidly homophobic" and that "Ms. Child's homophobia would undermine" his effectiveness for the job. If Child is not homophobic, she should be trying to let the public know, whatever the particulars of this case.

Write to Julia Child, American Institute of Wine and Food, 1550 Bryant St., Suite 700, San Francisco CA 94103.

Project Censored

Project Censored, a national media research and advocacy group operating out of California State University/Sonoma, has published its 1991 list of the 25 most underreported stories in the American media. Since 1976, Project Censored has annually published its report. The report, as well as the stories themselves, often receive significant media attention after the release of the list.

Nowhere in the 25 stories for 1991 was there a single story relating to the relentless censorship by the mainstream press of lesbian/gay stories. Our research of Project Censored shows that not once in ten years has PC selected a lesbian/gay or even AIDS related story worthy of notice. This year, we

made sure they had plenty of nominees related to the lesbian/gay community, yet once again, there was no recognition of the relentless censorship by the mainstream press of lesbian/gay stories.

In 1987, when the national news media ignored the largest civil rights demonstration in American history simply because it was a lesbian/gay demonstration, PC had no room to mention it, though they did think that progress in genetic engineering was worthy of mention.

Project guidelines define censorship as: "the suppression of information, whether purposeful or not, by any method—including bias, omission, under-reporting, or self-censorship—which prevents the public from fully knowing what is happening in its society." Look through the lesbian/gay press and see how many stories that are worthy of attention by the national news media are never even mentioned. Write or call Project Censored and demand to know why lesbian/gay/bisexual stories have been ignored for 15 years. Demand that a qualified l/g/bi person be named to their 15 person panel of judges. Demand to know what PC staff, researchers and judges are doing to educate themselves about homophobia and heterosexism.

Contact Carl Jensen, director, Project Censored, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park CA 94928, tel 707-664-2149.

Marvel/DC Comics

As you probably know, Marvel Comics has recently introduced the first (openly) gay superhero, Northstar, in the latest issue of *Alpha Flight*. In the issue, Northstar decides to draw public attention to the HIV epidemic by explicitly revealing that he is gay (the superhero himself is not HIV positive).

Fundamentalist preacher and idiot Pat Robertson has lambasted *Alpha Flight* on his national television show, calling the comic book "another example of a godless morality being legitimized to our youth." Marvel Comics will doubtless receive complaints from the hordes that watch Robertson.

Alpha Flight features a regular letters section, "Alpha Waves." Send along your support and encouragement! You can pick up copies of *Alpha Flight* at a number of Bay Area comic book stores.

Write to "Alpha Waves," *Alpha Flight*, Marvel Comics Group, 387 Park Avenue South, NY 10015.

NPR

National Public Radio listeners were blessed with two opportunities to listen to interviews with obsessed homophobe and presidential candidate Pat Buchanan last week, but in neither case was challenged on his homophobia. On January 2, Buchanan was the guest for an hour on *Talk to the Nation*, hosted by the usually gay/lesbian sensitive John Hockenberry. On January 4, Buchanan was interviewed by Scott Simon on NPR's *Weekend Edition*. Both interviewers rightly challenged Buchanan on charges (which he denies) of anti-Semitism; however neither saw fit to mention his homophobia, arguably the most blatant and abusive of any public figure in the nation.

Last year Buchanan told readers of his syndicated column that "Homosexual groups are attempting to mainstream Satanism." In another column he condemned New York mayor David Dinkins for his "insult" to Catholics by "prancing with sodomites" in that city's St. Patrick's Day parade.

Just last month, Buchanan made even his right wing cohorts on TV's *The McLaughlin Group* uncomfortable by arguing that homosexuality (or "perverted sex," in Buchanan's colorful vocabulary), is the cause of HIV.

Monitor media coverage of the Buchanan candidacy, and don't let them get away with ignoring Buchanan's disgusting hate-mongering. Write to Simon and Hockenberry and tell them they should ask all political candidates, especially those like Buchanan who have made it central to their ideology, about lesbian and gay rights. Write to both c/o National Public Radio, 2025 M St. N.W., Washington DC 20036.

AMPHI

Irene Petropoulou, the editor of *AMPHI*, the journal of the Greek Lesbian and Gay Liberation Movement, has been sentenced by a Greek court to five months in prison for publishing "indecent" material. We need to generate strong international pressure against this blatant violation of free speech and human rights. Write to these organizations and ask them to demand the Greek government drop this case.

and adopt legislation protecting lesbians and gays from persecution:

Amnesty International, 1 Easton Street, London WC1X8DJ, England, and The Director General, UNESCO, 7 Place de la Fomenoy, 75700 Paris, France.

Honda

Remember the great episode of the ABC series *Coach* in October, about the gay football player? The American Family Association didn't much care for the episode, and want everyone to write Honda to demand they withdraw their sponsorship of the show. Not only are they upset about that episode, they even condemn another one simply because the character Barbara, upset about a failed heterosexual affair, declared "sometimes I wish I was a lesbian!" These folks at the AFA are obsessed, and they're powerful.

Write to Honda and thank them for not caving in to fundamentalist pressures. Ask that they sponsor more lesbian and gay themed programs. Contact Koichi Amemiya, President, American Honda Company, 100 West Alondra, Gardena, CA 90248, tel. 213-783-2000.

Confront homophobia! Notify the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, of all defamations, and if possible, supply us with documentation. Our office number is 415-861-4588; GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro St., #B, San Francisco, CA 94114.

Lesbians Over 60

From Pg. 13 live with their own generation or in mixed generations can do so, to the benefit of all.

Kehoe includes the complete questionnaire, and she cites references for those who may wish to pursue academic discussions of issues raised. Her notes also include addresses for organizations working to assist elders.

Kehoe has taken an interesting first look at one segment of older lesbians. Using her information, we need to begin finding solutions to personal, interpersonal, and social issues. We need to do it in honor of them, so many of whom have made unsung contributions to the world we enjoy. And we had better do it for ourselves, because every day we advance toward what they face.▼

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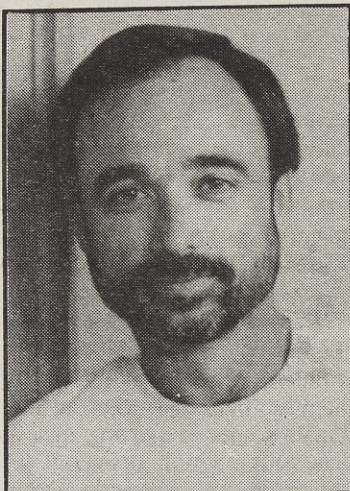
Susan Hall

"To me the Quilt is a physical manifestation of the part of someone that doesn't die...the love."



Zimya

"This Quilt to me just means that they are still living and that they are part of us."



Chris Chilton

"To me I see how the Quilt helps to make people aware. It is sometimes overwhelming."



Bernice Kring

"It isn't always sad. It sometimes makes me smile and even laugh to see the joy some of these people brought to others' lives."



Anita Amos

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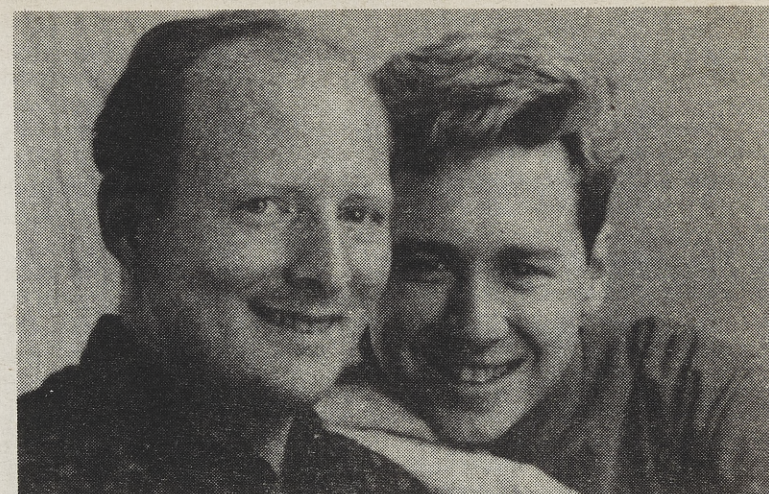
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Erich Michkel DeLand- Jonathan Elliot Ball

Erich Michkel DeLand and Jonathan Elliot Ball will be joined in Holy Union at Los Angeles Metropolitan Community Church on Saturday, April 25th, 1992, at 11:30am. Both sets of parents will be in attendance. Erich is a native of the Los Angeles area and is training for a career in cosmetology. Jon is from New Hampshire and is a horse trainer in Sacramento. Erich and Jon are the first male coupled foster parents certified in Yolo County and are the proud foster parents of Allison, age 2. The couple plans to make their home in Davis.

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by John Batchelor
OF MGW STAFF

P-FLAG-Sacramento Chapter invites you to join them at their 10th anniversary celebration. The event at A Shot of Class restaurant is April 29th. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays has made such a wonderful impact on our community. Come out and share in the celebration.● In this election year, there's one community election not to miss. On April 18 vote for Emperor and Empress of C.G.N.I.E. Cast your ballot on the Lambda Community Center porch between 10am and 8pm.● The Camelia Room at the Tuesday Club is fast becoming the alternative place to socialize. Many organizations are using the space to hold events. **Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change (SLCC)** held a successful C&W dance recently. (Yours truly gave a dance lesson.) And

patio, it seems twice the size...And finally **Faces** breaks new ground with Rainbeau, "the hottest lesbian stripper of all time." Mr. Flash hopes that his female readers will let him know if the event truly sizzled in early April!● Happy April birthdays to **Jay Henry** (who celebrated on the first—however no jokes will escape this pen); **Ted Phanner**, Hand-to-Hand volunteer; **Miss Stacey**, bartender at Faces and candidate for Empress; **Mike Fuhr**, Paul Starr's other half; **Bill Weaver**, MGW Associate Editor Dave Eckert's spouse; and finally **Sissy Billingsley**, dear friend of the community.● **Carhops in Bondage** returned to the Old Eagle Theater in Old Sacramento recently. **Gene Hoisington** played the part of Binky, the true blue space poodle (which kept

me howling!). If you missed the production this time around, shame on you!● Also in theater news, the Lambda Players complete their run of **Men of Manhattan** this week-end (April 18-19). This funny and clever play features **Mark Brown, Fletcher D., David Lyons, Mark Viviano and Matt Williams.**● **Dyykes Out Together**, a group of lesbians who enjoy outdoor events, picnics, hikes, campouts. Call Diana Sharpe at 487-3124 for the date of potluck-planning session.● **Lambda U** at the Lambda Center presents a **stress management** seminar on my birthday, April 22. Do you think this is a sign that I should attend???

.....until next time, John□



SLCC members on hand for a quick photo opportunity at the Western Dance on April 3rd were: standing: Geni Cowan, Pam Howard, Donna Yutzy, Mary Green, and Mary Smith. Sitting: Sharon Libertore, Ellen French, and Lotus Fong. Not pictured: Joanna Cassese, Donnaly Snoko, and Forest.

now BMX and Music by Joey invite you to **Jamm '92** on April 18. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Project Survival (WCIC).● Some names to remember in the **RCDC AIDS Memorial Tree Grove** (Highway 50 and Bradshaw) are **Tim Larrabee, Michael Boyd, Julia Mullen** and landscape architect **Greg Friel**. Contact RCDC to dedicate a tree.● This Easter make a statement that counts. Join other proud community members for the morning protest (8am) at the **Capital Christian Center**. Come as you are, or even as the Easter Bunny, but please, just be there!!● Some "quickies" on the bar scene in Sacramento: the **Town House** maintains a great mix of people and a friendly pool crowd. Run upstairs for dinner Tuesday-Saturday or for Sunday brunch...The **Wreck Room** hosts the Sacramento Leather Daddy/Daddy Boy contest on April 18. Show up early, as this event always packs them in...**Joseph's Town and Country (JTC)** continues its Entertainer of the Month series. JTC also features a great and inexpensive Sunday brunch...The **Mercantile House** continues its tradition with an Easter Sunday champagne brunch to benefit Hope House at 12pm...The **Buffalo Club** also offers great eats and a friendly atmosphere. With the renovated



On April 11, 1992, the Men of Lambda Delta Phi, UC-Davis, hosted its 2nd "90 Minutes with Delta Lambda Phi". This semi-annual event brings together activities, pledges and businessmen from the Sacramento and Davis communities for an evening of networking, mentorship and friendship. The experience provides the "brothers" with positive gay role models and instills pride in the gay community for everyone present.



Photos by Brian Ashby

SLCC Sponsors Western Dance at the Tuesday Club
John Batchelor was on hand at the SLCC western dance on April 3rd to provide dance lessons for all those needing to brush up on their steps. John was wondering about those steel-toed boots he left at home that night...ooey!

1992 Gay Softball Season Begins

All Games will be played at 21st and C Street at noon. If you are interested in playing softball, contact team captains at Faces (Terry Givens), Mercantile (Paul, Laurie or Bobby Soloman), Townhouse (Stan Carlton or Paul Davis [owner]), Wreck Room (Paul Coke, Rick Torres or Mike Devito [bartender]). Leave your name and phone number. You can also call the Sports Hotline and leave information on how to contact you.

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Fitness '92: Getting in Shape

by Victoria Cameron
OF MGW STAFF

It's that time of year again—no, not tax time, or Easter time, but that time when we all look back at our New Year's resolutions and realize that we haven't started on most of them yet. Like most people, getting in shape was at the top of my list. Right above budgeting my money (which I've also yet to do). However, it's still early in the year, so there may still be hope. There are many incentives for getting in shape, and each of has our own reasons. The problem usually is: how, where and when. Thankfully, with problem come answers—usually.

Duane "Dewey" Textor falls into the category of "Lekura Nice Guy". He recently opened a small workout space located at the corner of Alhambra and H Streets in downtown Sacramento. He is a member of the International Dance Exercise Association (I.D.E.A.). In February 1992, he became a certified personal trainer and fitness counselor, and has also attended a class in San Francisco specializing in the training of overweight individuals.

Dewey has great empathy for overweight persons, for he knows personally how it feels. He was a self-proclaimed "fat kid" in school, and he carried his childhood weight into adulthood. Now he carries a "before" picture of himself to remind him what others face in their fight to lose weight.

Dewey began as a fitness trainer by using equipment in his own living room. After training a few people in his home, he realized that there was a market for someone who could provide both the motivation and the means for getting in shape. That realization prompted the opening of his gym, aptly named "Get Physical".

Dewey is soft-spoken and relaxed in his approach to fitness training. He understands that beginning a new undertaking, particularly one as demanding as physical training, can be difficult. He offers support, guidance and the proper training equipment, all of which are conducive to a good fitness program.

Dewey takes the time to tailor his program to each individual. His goal is to see that each client reaches his or her goal, whether they are just beginning their journey to fitness or if they are seasoned fitness buffs needing to hone in and define particular body parts. Each session is one hour long, conducted three or four times a week. The length of the program varies from individual to individual. If having your very own fitness trainer appeals to you, contacting Dewey could be your first step in "getting physical".

Felicia Allen-Jones is the owner/operator of "On The Move...The Finest in Fitness". And Felicia is definitely on the move. She's bright, friendly and accommodating. And she offers an exercise program with a trained fitness specialist designed to meet your own needs and life-style, on your own turf.

Felicia is a versatile individual. A member of the Sacramento City Police Department, she has a B.A. in criminal justice and is completing an M.S. in physical education. She is also affiliated with the International Dance Exercise Association (I.D.E.A.), American Running

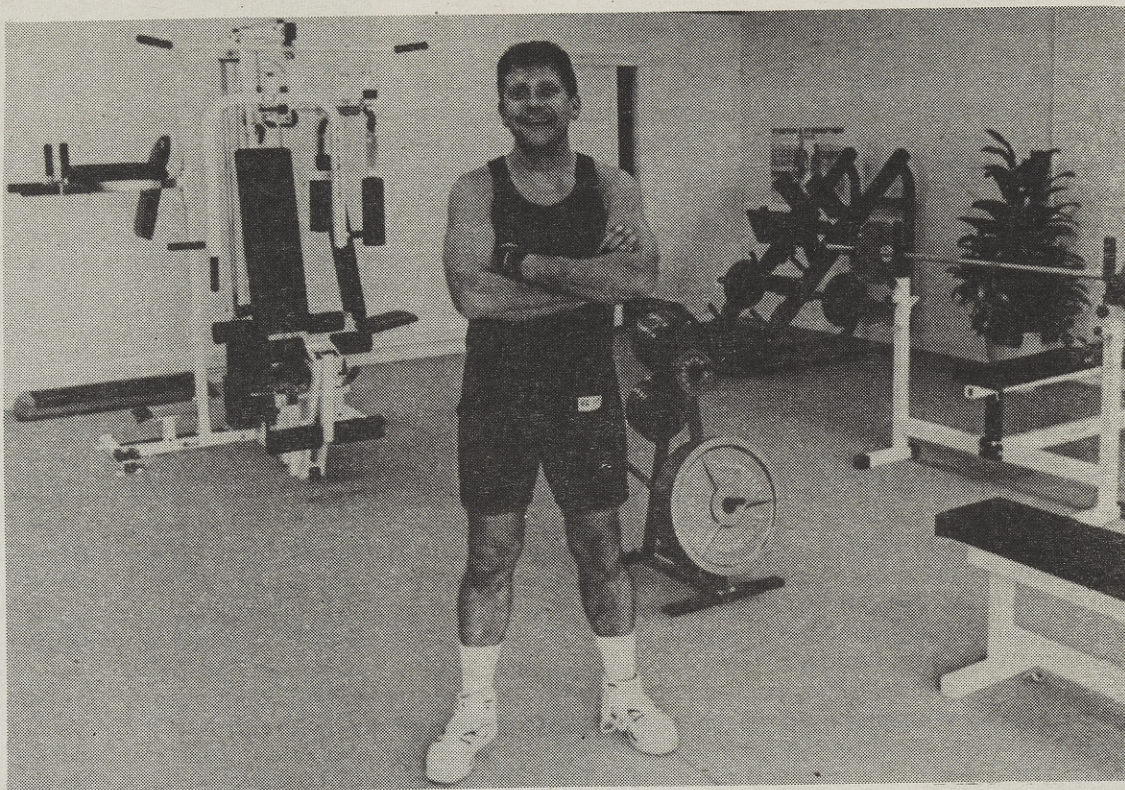


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Dewey Textor, owner of "Get Physical", maintains a personal work-out studio near Alhambra & H Street

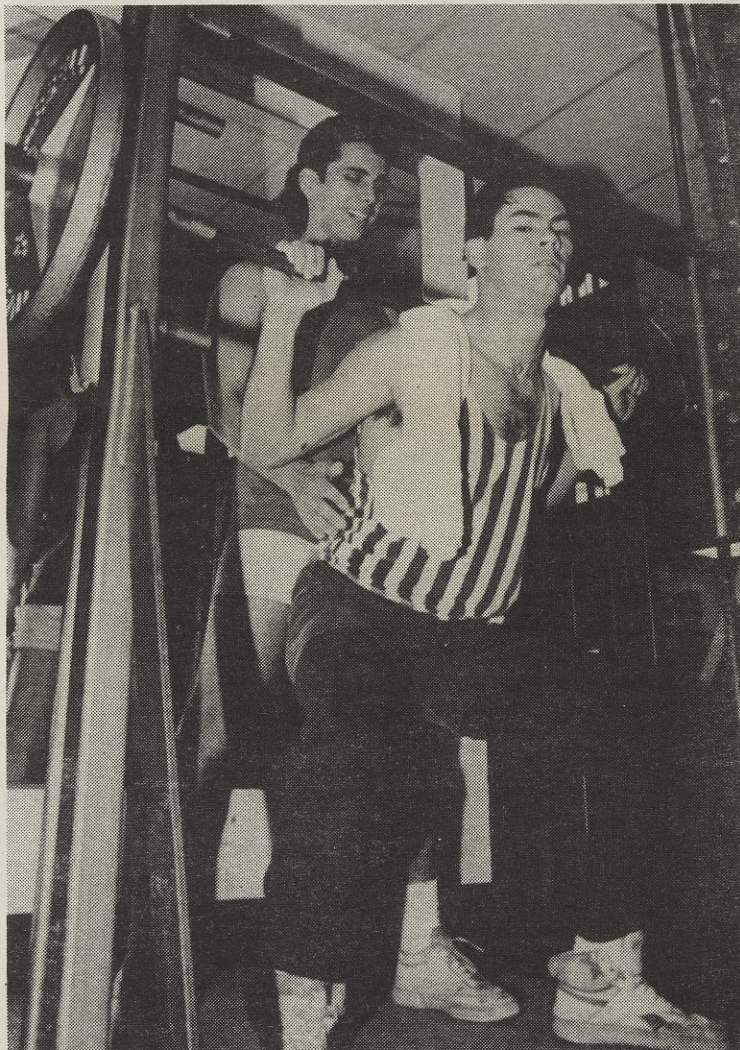


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Ron Sylvia and Randy Stafford keep in top shape at Valentis. "...it's a great place for us to work out as a couple!"



Photo by Brian Ashby

Kathy Fletcher trains with Mike Dufur of "On The Move". This provides the best discipline. "We have fun, and I get one-on-one attention to my timeline."

and Fitness Association and the Reebok Professional Instructor's Alliance.

Felicia's program emphasizes the alternatives to working solely in a gym with all the latest equipment. Her philosophy assumes that we all have the ability and the means to get healthy and fit. In a program that is one part physical exertion and three parts self-dedication, she gains satisfaction from being the motivator for her clients, thus enabling them to reach their fitness goals.

Like Dewey, Felicia also began her physical fitness career at home. She taught aerobics to a small group that met in her home before branching out. Now she teaches group aerobics at the Cordova Fitness Group and trains corporate employees, sent to her under the assumption that healthy workers tend to be happier and more productive.

But the greatest percentage of her time is devoted to her personal clients, a diverse group which includes certified "couch potatoes" and mummies seeking pre and post-natal fitness.

Felicia will train six days a week, and each client is looked upon as a special person with needs and goals unique to that person. She doesn't merely exercise the body, she stimulates the mind as well. She believes that the mind, body and spirit all work interdependently, and must be exercised as such.

There's no doubt having the luxury of a personal fitness trainer takes the hassle out of going to the gym. But if having a personal trainer is not your style or out of your price range, or if you miss the experience of watching other sweaty bodies (for whatever reason), there is a more traditional alternative. Perhaps the place for you is Valentis, a full-service gym located in a beautiful old building on 11th Street with a tower that protrudes into the clouds.

Owned by Liz White and Kimberly Miller, Valentis has been in operation for four years. The gym currently boasts 3 racquetball courts, a jacuzzi, sauna, swimming pool and juice bar, as well as a massage therapist and aerobics classes. There are two separate weight rooms, divided into upper and lower body work. New equipment soon to be added are a Life Step and Life Cycle.

Although the gym is set up to be used without supervision, fitness trainers are available. The owners Liz and Kim are available for personal instruction for those desiring a professional attitude toward fitness. With a banking background, Kim deals with the business side of the operation. Liz has had extensive weight training and competed professionally. Together they provide a balanced, complete approach to fitness training.

Personal trainer, or professional gym. The choice is your. Either way you go, you stand to gain years to your life through your own program of physical fitness. ▼

AIDS Memorial Grove Brings Epidemic into Full View

by Sonya Cox
MGW AIDS/HIV EDITOR

As we stood there that Sunday morning and watched the first shovelful of soil set aside, making way for the tiny tree that symbolized a life lost in the AIDS epidemic, we knew that the powerful feelings we shared would grow and flourish—just as surely as the Memorial Groves would live on, and just as surely as the AIDS statistics would continue to climb.



Photo by Sonya Cox
Don Douglas of the California Teachers Assn. (third from left) presented a \$100 check to R.C.D.C. Present were Julia Mullen, Supervisor Illa Collin, Michael Boyd, Mayoral Candidate Joe Serna, and Tim Larrabee.

Over 580 Sacramentans have now lost their lives in this crisis. Propelled by the loss of friends and strangers, and searching for a way not only to remember those who've died, but also to help make the entire city aware of the devastation and pain of this terrible time in our history, the River City Democratic Club (RCDC) has created a living remembrance—the AIDS Memorial trust.

In conjunction with Cal Trans, which is authorizing encroachment easements on Sacramento freeways for the project and preparing highway signs to designate the groves of memorial trees, RCDC has created a lasting symbol of love and remembrance to those who have died.

"Just six weeks ago, this memorial was just an idea," said RCDC's Tim Larrabee at the March 29 dedication ceremony. "Julia Mullin and I got together and, with the help of Mike Boyd and other RCDC members, started planning a way for the city to process its unrelenting grief and make the project a reality."

"Sacramento landscape architect Greg Friel donated his time to design the project that includes wildflowers scattered throughout the groves of trees, and guidelines for club members to use in caring for the seedlings for years to come," says Larrabee.

The groves will initially cover parcels at the Bradshaw interchange of Highway 50. "Fifty trees were planted on March 29," says Larrabee, "in three triangular sections of the freeway exit located next to the Capital Christian Center. Some of these trees will have to be moved to another grove because of a mix-up at Cal Trans, which overlooked paperwork indicating the exit is planned for expansion in the near future."

As awareness of the Memorial grew, the response was immediate. The gay and lesbian community, hard hit by a continuing nightmare once thought unimaginable, came forward as usual to show support for the project, but inspiring shows of love came from other directions as well.

"This event is a fitting reminder that there are people throughout this entire city who *do* care and will

continue to work together to get public funds to fight this disease," said Councilman and Mayoral candidate Joe Serna as he scooped out a shovel of soil and gently laid the first seedling in place. "It's a growing symbol of people pulling together."

One woman from the cadre of volunteer tree planters surrounding the speakers said she wanted Serna and RCDC to be aware that

there were "plenty of Republicans out here digging, too!"

In a moving statement, Supervisor Illa Collin said she was there in memory of a "special two-year old who was recently lost to AIDS."

Janet Bozzo and Ron Motz of All Seasons Wholesale Tree Nursery in Elk Grove donated the 50 seedlings for the initial planting. "I wanted to do this to remember two special friends I've lost," said Bozzo. "In their memory, we're donating oaks, redbuds and other California native trees."

"The trees," said Larrabee, "should grow as much as three times faster than usual thanks to a new technology provided through Monica Evans of the Tree Foundation." At the moment, though, the tiny seedlings aren't much higher than the surrounding high grass blanketing the freeway intersections.

Also blending into the overgrowth was a toddler named Tony, attending the event with his parents, John and Ann. Tony's dad said he was there not because he or Ann had lost someone to the epidemic, but because he was incensed at remarks made to Christine Kraft by a caller named Lance during a recent radio program. "Lance's remarks were prehistoric and viciously homophobic. Ann and Tony and I came here today to show our anger at those attitudes," said John. I wonder," he continued, "how

many others are here today because of Lance's homophobia."

A special gift of \$100 was presented to the RCDC Memorial Grove fund by Donald Douglas of the California Teacher's Association "in memory of our fallen teachers."

"A contribution of \$25 will cover the costs of obtaining and caring for each tree," says Larrabee. "Those wishing to have a tree planted in memory of a friend of loved one can write to RCDC (Box 161958, 95816). Give us the name of the person to be remembered, the dates of their birth and death, and a check for the tree made out to "RCDC". Nameplates with this information will not be displayed at the tree sites even after the trees are fully grown because of the inaccessibility of the sites. A plaque containing the nameplates will be put on display as soon as an appropriate site has been selected."

"We're very excited about the response to this remembrance," said Larrabee. "Hopefully, at numerous locations throughout the city, in full sight of all Sacramento freeway travelers, these groves of trees will give high visibility to what this epidemic has cost us as a community; and trees will provide a way for us to remember Sacramentans lost to AIDS, and to grieve—not only through our common tears—but through these living memorials."▼

"...in their memory, we're donating oaks, redbuds and other California trees..."

--Janet Bozzo & Ron Motz from All Seasons Wholesale Tree Nursery in Elk Grove



Toddler Tony came to the planting with his parents Ann and John. "We're here to show our anger at homophobic attitudes," says John.



Sacramento Landscape architect Greg Friel, designer of the Memorial, with Motz and Janet Bozzo of All Seasons Nursery. The nursery donated 50 seedlings for the planting.

Photos by Sonya Cox

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, RCMCC, 34th & Broadway, Daily, 8pm, 454-4762.

AL-ANON, RCMCC, 34th & Broadway, Wed., 8pm, 454-4762.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CENTER FOR WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, 448-2851.

CODA, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., Thurs., 7pm.

CO-DEPENDENTS OF ALCOHOLICS, Friends Comm. Church (Basement), 40th and E St., Mon., 8pm, 454-3135.

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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Lambda Center, 1931 L St. (Second Floor), Fri., 8pm.

OBESITY TREATMENT CTR., Seminar, Wed., 6pm, 925-0300.

SEX & LOVE ADDICTS ANON., St. Francis Church Social Hall, 26th & K, Thur., 7:30 - 9pm, 447-5328.

STOP SMOKING, CARES Clinic, 2710 Capital Ave., 443-3299.

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ANONYMOUS TESTING FOR HIV, Capitol Health Center, 1500 C St., Wed., Thurs., 8am - 5pm, 440-7720.

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EL DORADO AIDS TASK FORCE Box 547, Placer., 95667, 4th Mon., 7pm, Security Bank Annex, Dick Wright, 916-676-4029.

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SIERRA AIDS COUNCIL Box 1062, Sonora 95370, 209-533-2873.

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PERFORMING ARTS

CAPITAL CITY SQUARE DANCE CLUB, Theodore Judah School, McKinley Blvd. nr. 39th St., Tue., 6:30pm, George, 447-2271.

SACRAMENTO MENS CHORUS, Box 188726, 95818-8726, Al Jensen, 444-5213.

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CALIFORNIA CAPITOL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (CAPPAC), 1008 10th St., #225, 95814, 1st Thu. 1329 H St., 6pm., 736-2722.

LOBBY FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND EQUALITY (LIFE), 926 J St. #1020, 95814, 444-0424.

RIVER CITY DEMOCRATIC CLUB (RCDC) Box 161958, 95816 3rd Mon., 6:30pm Sierra 2 Ctr., 24th St. & 4th Ave., Katie, 451-1970, Mike, 448-2383.

PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

GAY/LESBIAN UNIV. OF CA EMPLOYEES (GLUE), John Bennett, 762-5332.

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AFFIRMATION UNITED METHODIST FOR LESBIAN/GAY CONCERNS, St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, 1st Mon., 7pm, 489-2340.

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CONFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC LESBIANS, Kathleen, 362-4133.

CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV, 220 Danvers St., S. F. 94114, 415-861-6832.

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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO, 2424 Sierra Blvd, 95825, Sun., 11am, Rev. Strong, 483-9283.

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"Because this campaign is visible in every state, we get more calls than we can handle from young people who want support groups, hotlines, community services, HIV information, etc....and we are sometimes unaware of services in their areas.

"When I grew up in Abilene there was no one to talk to" said Joshua, an NCOD intern. "I had to constantly pretend I was someone else in order to feel safe. There is no gay and lesbian youth support group in Abilene. When people my age and younger call NCOD for help I need to know where to refer them."

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Lesbians Over 60

by Kathy Mengle
OF MGW STAFF

Lesbians Over 60 Speak For Themselves, by Monika Kehoe, Ph.D. NY: Harrington Park Press, 1989, 111 pages, \$10.95, paperback. [Published simultaneously by The Haworth Press, Inc., in hardbound under the same title as the *Journal of Homosexuality*, Vol. 16, Nos. 3/4.]

Five thousand Americans turn sixty every day; at least 250 of them are lesbians. It is estimated that in 1988 there were at least 1.8 million such women, most of whom are deeply closeted.

Monika Kehoe is one of them, and when her professional career could no longer be jeopardized, she undertook, with Sheryl Goldberg, the first study of lesbians over 65. In 1984 they undertook this second study, of 100 lesbians over 60. Because they used bookstores, periodicals, and college or women's-center activities to find volunteers, their participants were not a cross-section of the entire spectrum, but tended instead to be "literate, articulate Caucasians, above average in health, education, and income."

As we age, we may also decline, physically, psychologically, and socially. Kehoe wanted to know what specific impact that would have upon lesbians who are, after all, not supported in establishing or maintaining relationships, and who, early in life, did not have access to feminist groups or writings.

One-fourth of the women were from rural backgrounds, and one-fifth from suburbia. Five were born outside the U.S. One is American Indian, one is black, two are Asians, and the rest are white. 13 are Catholic, 12 Jewish, 29 Protestant, 1 Buddhist, and 15 "other." Educationally, all completed high school; 16 had 2 years of college; 20 earned a bachelor's degree; almost 50 did that and attended graduate school, and 21 of those received advanced degrees. Some were still working on a degree at the time of the survey.

Although most had been subjected to discrimination for being female, "73 had had professional careers and several others had been university instructors." Careers included educational administrators, elementary or high school teachers, research scientists, artists, civil service, clerical, and trades. A few had been librarians or physical education instructors. Ten others were involved in industrial or business enterprises.

Kehoe found that "butch/femme role-playing is not supported, or even acknowledged, by most of those surveyed," yet it was "a common pattern for lesbian relationships in this early era, particularly for 'working-class' lesbians..."

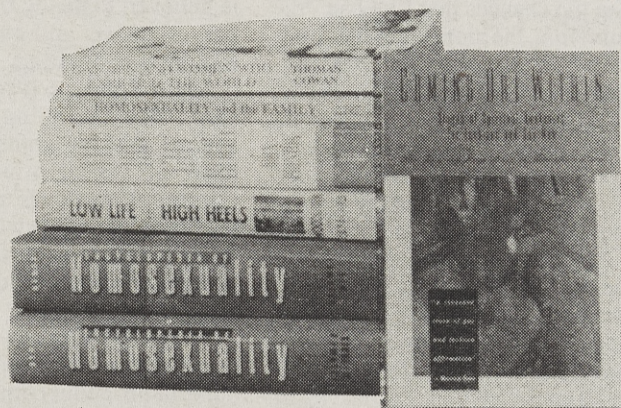
Some had been married heterosexually; one still was. Because lesbian bars in the early 1940's were often in "undesirable parts of the city" and subject to raids by police vice squads, any woman "risked her career by visiting them." Only 7% of those from urban areas had met other lesbians in bars. And in small towns and rural areas, they seldom met in public, and at parties, "never gave last names or told where we lived or worked....Most of my old friends are still too fearful to really enjoy life," said one participant.

27 had left home to join the military during World War II, but only one was discharged because of her lesbianism.

Not until 1955, when the Daughters of Bilitis (DOB) was founded in San Francisco, did lesbians have "an alternative social outlet to the gay bars." Its publication, *The Ladder*, began "providing for the first time a magazine exclusively for lesbians."

their own adult non-gay children." This happened to one 70-year-old teacher, divorced after 44 years of marriage and 8 children. Her only support has come from one of two brothers, and he is gay.

It is little wonder that without the support of family members,



Many participants had been closeted all their lives, although some had been able to relax more after retirement. Most had learned to be survivors.

They had reached their awareness that they were lesbians at various times, and occasionally in stages. One had taken over 20 years to acknowledge and act on her attraction to other women. One late bloomer (after 31 years of heterosexual marriage) said her 20 years "as a closeted woman-identified woman have been my strongest and most satisfying. When my acceptance as an open lesbian led to political and emotional growth, my sexuality was affected as well." Another felt "iffy" because she "had a strongly lesbian youth, then a strongly heterosexual stage, then survived on friendships for years, and am now just beginning to return to the passions of my youth."

Their connections to their families had often been strained. Brothers seemed most threatened and intolerant, and were less likely to be in communication than were sisters. "Late-bloomers" who had married and had families (27) "were often later ostracized by

many women seek social networks among other lesbians. 61% "associate almost exclusively with other lesbians, while 30 include heterosexual women among their closest friends." 60 have belonged to lesbian/gay groups and 95 associate with people within ten years of their age. Most do not go to bars. Neither do they "use the mainline senior centers or take part in their programs," even if they live in urban areas.

Many rely on small informal social gatherings, but even so, if their relationships end or partners die, they express difficulty in finding compatible seniors like themselves. For recreation, couples mentioned going to concerts, museums, art galleries, and the theater. Some enjoyed camping, picnicking, long walks, or hiking. At parties held in homes they danced and played pool or cards or table games.

57% were living alone at the time of the survey, but seldom by choice. Many felt isolated from others and this was an issue even for some couples who had each other but no circle of friends with whom to be social.

29 of the 100 had had relationships with women more than ten years younger, but the majority preferred someone "within ten years of their own age." 39 described their sexual history as exclusively lesbian. 67 "had had emotional relationships only with women"; 62 "had engaged in physical/sexual activity with women only"; and 66 were currently sexually active. Two-thirds of those celibates said it was "not by choice."

When asked how significant sex was to a relationship before age 60, and then after 60, none "considered it the main or significant part," although by 84% (before 60) and 72% (after 60), they felt it was "one important part." Some felt relationships were "quieter, more stable, less intense, sometimes less physical. Few fall in love anymore. Friendship and intimacy are more important and satisfying than sex to most."

78% had a positive attitude toward monogamy. Only 9 identified themselves as bisexuals, and none of them had ever been "relating to both sexes at the same time."

Of those currently in relationships, 8 had been maintained for over 30 years, 2 for 35, and one each for 40, 55, and 56 years. Six had been in relationships less than a year, "but most of these had had an ongoing partner, in some cases now deceased, for longer periods in the past." Even those currently uncoupled had often been in relationships lasting from 20 to 44 years.

Those who had lost a partner by death were often devastated by the loss. Some were left in economic and legal turmoil because relatives of the deceased contested wills. Those who had been in satisfying relationships often found themselves unable to look at other women, and suffered incredible social as well as personal loneliness.

Most did not model heterosexual marriage, preferring instead "a balance of power and a division of activities...closely resembling that of 'best friends.'" They want

"a steady, durable, monogamous love bond." They seek "companionship and affection, together with enduring tenderness and concern." For most, "commitment and compatibility are far more important" than sex.

71 felt "very positive about their lesbianism," and 82 report "good or excellent emotional health." 35 felt they were in good, and 37 in excellent physical health. Though most had minor problems, none had to seriously restrict activities. 76 walk easily, and only 3 are restricted. Alcoholism affects 10; 65 are social drinkers, and 25 do not drink. 66 do not smoke. 58 exercise daily and 20 more are strenuously active each week.

In case of illness or disability, 60 "would opt for help from a partner, friend, or neighbor" rather than a family member. For emotional health problems, professionals, physicians, partners, and friends would again be consulted before family members.

In terms of life satisfaction, 36 rated themselves high and 48 rated themselves medium. They were "out" to 95% of their friends and 68% of family members. Some never told their parents (most of whom are now deceased).

Their most serious problems were loneliness and economic worries, which affect many older American women. Even if we can find ways to facilitate housing and social services for gay seniors, there is still the issue of being alone: "They often lack the energy required to begin again in a new relationship, with all the adjustment and accommodation necessary to live with even a compatible person."

There are some groups like GLOE (Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders) in San Francisco and SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) in New York City which attempt to help with these issues. Other individuals and groups are working to create community housing wherein those who wish to

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'Silence of the Oscars' No Disruptions at Oscars, But Two Academy Awards

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

HOLLYWOOD — To the relief of organizers of the 64th annual Academy Awards, the promised disruption of the Oscars telecast by lesbian and gay activists failed to materialize although protests outside the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion drew scores of demonstrators from Queer Nation and OutRage groups around the country. At least 11 protesters were arrested on an assortment of minor charges as more than 100 officers in riot gear kept a watchful eye on the demonstrators.

But during the awards, the nearly 1 billion worldwide TV viewers of the program did get to witness history as the first openly lesbian won an award and acknowledge her "life partner" during her acceptance speech as well as the lover of another Oscar winner accepting for his deceased partner. Scores of Hollywood's glitterati were also conspicuously sporting red ribbons memorializing people with AIDS throughout the production. So numerous were the ribbons, in fact, that comic Billy Crystal and actor Richard Gere both took time to make sure viewers around the world understood their purpose.

Outside, the demonstrators said they were protesting Hollywood's portrayals of gays and lesbians as "freaks, killers and psychopaths" and that negative stereotyping in the film industry must change. But the tightest security in the history of the Oscars apparently kept protesters on the outside looking in and just a bit upstaged "out" awards.

Oscars producer Gilbert Cates acknowledged the high level security precautions taken to keep protesters out, but seemed surprised that it had actually worked. "When you see everyone wearing the red ribbons and you realize how much

the (motion picture) community has really given to gays and lesbians, maybe the protesters just felt it was not the right venue for their protest."

But onstage, lesbian and gay visibility was historic. The title song from "Beauty and the Beast" won an Oscar for best song. Written by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman, who died of AIDS last year, Ashman's award was accepted on his behalf by the deceased man's lover, Bill Lauch. "Howard and I shared a home and a life together," Lauch said, "and I'm very happy and very proud to accept this for him. But it is bitter-sweet. This is the first Academy Award given to someone we've lost to AIDS."

Another Oscar was awarded to San Francisco lesbian Debra Chasnoff, producer of "Deadly Deception" in the documentary short subject category. During her acceptance speech, Chasnoff, who helped launch the lesbian/gay quarterly publication "Outlook," said, "Finally, I'm very grateful to my friends and family, particularly to Kim Klausner, my life partner, who

always had faith in me, and to our son Noah, who reminds me on a daily basis why it's so important not to give up and to keep working for peace and justice."

Jodie Foster, who made a strong - and some observers a revealing - statement thanking "all the women who came before me who never had the chances that I've had - the survivors, the pioneers and the outcasts" in accepting her Best Actress award. Foster went on to say, "I'd like to thank all of the people in this industry who have respected my choices and who have not been afraid of the power and the dignity that that entitled me to."

At a press conference following the awards, Foster was asked what she thought about the protests outside. "I think it's good," Foster said. "It's not against the law. Protest is constitutional. You can learn from it."

Later, when Chasnoff was attending the post-Oscars Governors' Ball, Foster came up to congratulate her. Foster gave Chasnoff a big hug and told her, "That was really cool what you did."▼

'Tongues Untied' Filmmaker Charges Buchanan with Copyright Infringement

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — Republican presidential challenger Patrick Buchanan got an unexpected gift from the gay community Friday, March 6, when he was personally served with a "cease and desist" notice for copyright infringement in San Antonio, Texas, by black gay filmmaker Marlon Riggs for using parts of his documentary "Tongues Untied" in a campaign ad. But despite being served with the papers, the Buchanan campaign continued to run the TV spots in Texas and Mississippi through the last few days before the March 10 primaries in those two states.

The pointed letter was written by Riggs' attorney Peter Franck and was served by hand to Buchanan's San Antonio hotel. The notice advised the arch-conservative anti-gay candidate who is challenging President Bush in the GOP primaries that his ad violates federal copyright laws protecting Riggs' work by using it "for the purpose of commercial advantage of private gain." Franck said federal law bars anybody but the copyright holder from changing or rearranging works.

The Buchanan ad began running on television stations in Atlanta before the Georgia primary earlier in March and continued to be used by Buchanan's campaign through March 9 in at least Texas and Mississippi.

The 30-second political commercial is set against backdrop footage from Riggs' documentary and shows several white gay men filmed during San Francisco's Folsom Street Fair. The footage shows close-ups of bare-chested men in black leather, including a rear shot of one man wearing leather chaps with nothing underneath. The material used from "Tongues Untied" has been re-edited and colorized with a green tint contrasting sharply with the bright red lettering of the Buchanan message.

While the footage from Riggs' film is being shown, a printed and

voice-over message says Bush used tax dollars "in pornographic and blasphemous art too shocking to show." The ad, prepared for Buchanan's campaign by Riverbank Inc. of Maryland, goes on to say, "This so-called art has glorified homosexuality, exploited children and perverted the image of Jesus Christ."

"...glorified homosexuality..."

"Tongues Untied," which was partly funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, does not show any children or contain any representation of Jesus Christ.

Riggs, a University of California at Berkeley journalism school lecturer, said, "It's an outrageous distortion. Anyone has the right to excerpt in order to critique. But they don't have the right to simply redo work in order to make a political point. This is a gross violation of my rights and my work."

Riggs also said the TV spot was racist as well as homophobic because it used the only portion from "Tongues Untied" that shows white gays illustrating that they have made San Francisco into a "mecca" that is less receptive toward black gays.

Certified copies of Franck's warning letter were also sent to the attorneys for the four largest TV networks, ABC, NBC, CBS and CNN, as well as the local Atlanta television stations that aired the Buchanan ads.▼

Canadians Bar Anti-Gay 'Abusive' Broadcasting

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

OTTAWA, Canada — The Canadian Radio-Television Telecommunication Commission (CRTC) has amended its broadcast regulations to prohibit radio, television and other telecommunications programming that is "abusive on the basis of sexual orientation." Canada is believed to be the first nation to bar offensive anti-gay and anti-lesbian broadcasting.

Keith Spicer, CRTC chairman, said, "By including protection against abusive comment on the basis of sexual orientation, the Commission intends to ensure that the broadcasting system accurately reflects Canadian society and its traditional values of tolerance and fair comment."

Spicer said the new regulations came about as a result of citizen complaints about comments made last April by televangelist Pat Robertson concerning homosexuality on his syndicated program, "The 700 Club."

According to a CRTC report on the April 29 broadcast, "Pat Robertson essentially makes the case that homosexuality is morally wrong from a Christian standpoint because of what he interprets the Bible to have said about those who practice homosexuality. He [Robertson] states that '... homosexuality is a depraved mind and a degrading passion ...'"

Also unlike the FCC, the CRTC maintains a long-standing policy of not licensing any radio or TV stations affiliated with a religious denomination or creed because of "the degree of controversy frequently associated with religious practices and beliefs." VISION-TV, in fact, is the only religious broadcaster in the entire nation and it isn't a "Christian" network but rather a multi-faith broadcaster that regularly carries programming about a spectrum of world religions - from Bible-thumping revivalists to drum-beating Goddess worshippers.

Partly because of the CRTC policies limiting the numbers of religious broadcasting stations, the stridently anti-gay stance of many U.S. televangelists has never made much headway in Canada. The new regulations almost guarantee that the nearly routine homophobic rhetoric found on some U.S. religious programs will be unlikely to make it to the Canadian airwaves.

Alex Parachin, executive vice president of the Christian Broadcasting Associates in Scarborough, Ontario, which handles Robertson's program there, acknowledged that "The 700 Club" was now "selectively airing programs in Canada that deal with homosexuality" because of the new CRTC regulations.

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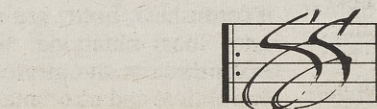
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Lambda Players Arrive at the Crossroads

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Voices at the Crossroads by Gregg Peterson and Robert Locke

In their forced program change that opened this season, *Voices at the Crossroads*, the Lambda Players brought home to us their resourcefulness, commitment and originality in an evening of one-act plays that tackled some pretty ambitious themes. Without delving into the specifics of their current production process, one can sense they are strapped for just about everything necessary to create theater. Cabined in the front parlor of the Lambda Community Center, they continue to work like Valery and Panov did (giving themselves ballet class for over a year in a 10x16' apartment) until being allowed to emigrate to artistic freedom. What we see are austere, bare-boned, point blank encounters between actors and audience in what would have been considered underground or revolutionary theater in an earlier era. The Lambda Players are not radicals in the least; they just want to provide quality gay and lesbian theater for the community and our support is critical. We hope the new Board of Directors at the Lambda Center will make things happen.

Voices at the Crossroads, with five scenes written by Gregg Peterson and one by Robert Locke, do have a unifying theme connecting them into more than just an evening of one-acts. It would appear to be the oppression of organized religion and the patriarchy, which is hardly a radical concept or even a new one. What's so radical about objectives like basic civil and constitutional rights?

"Partners" involved all four actors, Celina, Mark Brown, Maureen Gaynor and playwright Gregg Peterson, in the gossip heard among the guests at a church wedding. Ex-lovers exchange insults, dish the dirt on the sex lives of the nuptial couple, criticize the patriarchal institution of marriage and even relationships, and comment derisively on how "people love the circus" of the church ceremony. We taste the sour grapes of gays and lesbians who want to have their relationships formalized by marriage. But is this really what we want? One woman asked herself, "What am I doing here?" and we sense an ambivalence. Too bad this subtlety was swamped in the writing by the

emphasis on snarling, almost adolescent tartness and misbehavior.

"Mary and Steve", the work of Robert Locke, showed us a Southern mother, Celina, and her dead son's lover, Peterson, reviewing the tragic events leading up to their loss. They sit as though in a parlor speaking in an odd, somewhat detached, expository manner about what feels like detailed autobiographical material surrounding the alienation from family and subsequent death of a person with AIDS. Again, religion is a pervasive concern because the mother is a deeply religious person who cannot reconcile her personal concept of God with the immoral homophobia of her church and her husband, who cruelly cut their son out of family photos and sent along the message "You are dead."

In "Another Sleepless Night" a woman sleepwalks into her kitchen and suffers a spell of agonizing amnesia like that of Alzheimer's Disease when she awakens but cannot remember the name of her female partner. She only knows she must make waffles for her in the morning. Here sleepwalking is a metaphor for going through like unconscious of one's feelings and also as a patriarchal stereotype of woman as the unconscious, irrational Other. Her husband enters and tells her to come back to bed and the play implodes with a whack. Her ignored lesbian feelings have caused her to wake to a nightmare of confusion. To her husband, she is La Sonnambula, the unknown. Gaynor's comedic gifts were exploited and her darker endowments saved what might have come off as a contrived *Twilight Zone* episode.

With the didactic "I'm the Kind of Woman Who..." we are addressed by an outspoken Celina who announces, "I'm afraid children are going to be required to pray to the one true God...I'm afraid when it really counts I'm not going to have the courage to say 'fuck you'...I like the idea life is an illusion. Destiny is a wonderful concept; I never have to take responsibility." She recounts a dream where she awoke screaming and talks about October 1991, "Black October", citing homicides, the Clarence Thomas hearings and Governor Wilson's veto of AB101. Turning to banned books, she says she would burn the Bible and pronounces resolutely, "God is dead...Deliver us

from evil [AIDS]...I'm tired of body counts, wondering who's next; I want to scream. Now I make traffic stop for me. Now I say fuck you for starters." This scene is delivered in the tone of a paid political announcement on television. It's cheeky as hell, but I don't buy it. One problem *Voices at the Crossroads* has is that it tends to take religion dogmatically as a black-and-white issue. The worst thing we can do in battling homophobia is to reduce our enemies to simplistic generalizations that make evil easy to recognize. In a lampoon like this one, what is served by incoherent preaching?

The last two scenes, "God's Will Be Done" and "Mister Mathews", seemed to be one continuous act. I have a suspicion that they worked so successfully after the opening that the author added more material. Gaynor's faltering church lady suffered from a lack of amplification in the writing. She made the most of the character she was handed even though it severely restricted her emotional daring and vulnerability (still, several people told me she was the audience favorite). A thoughtful reconsideration could do more justice to the church lady. She has to spend all her time giving nonsensical Bible lessons to a classroom of children whose teacher she has just replaced because he was fired for being gay. Between these lessons, we visit Mr. Mathews leisurely recalling his classroom, sharing his religious beliefs, reflecting on lost innocence, his fall from grace with the church, his diagnosis with AIDS and his feelings of guilt that he is abandoning his lover, having just gotten out of the hospital, we know the crossroads he has come to. He is resigned: "I have many things to be forgiven for; the church needs me and people like me. They will have to figure out what to do with people like me and there is hope they will." Peterson wrote, directed and played the beautifully nuanced, balanced and tender Mr. Mathews (a close cousin of the man we saw in "Mary and Steve") with a highly developed theater sense. His love of theater is also powerfully evident. He is not afraid to give us big ideas. He resists sentimentality and portrays the serenity of the PWA. He is correct about that idea and all the details are there. Now show us believable church figures in inner conflict.▼

Ivys: A S.F. Restaurant Worth An Evening Drive!

by Lynne Ohlson
MGW Writer

You have all read reviews of "dining experiences" in the City. However, I think that you might find this one a little out of the ordinary and well worth the trek to San Francisco.

Ivy's is promoting the fact that proceeds from dinners after 8pm are used to contribute to their planned giving to AIDS-related projects. If that doesn't drive you to trying their cuisine, let me elaborate on the ambience and the menu.

Ivy's, at 398 Hayes, is within walking distance to Davies Hall and the Civic Center. The restaurant draws the after-performance crowd and the oak bar is perfect for the before theater drink.

The menu is American style cuisine, which means that all the diverse cultures of our forbearers are used to prepare dishes that are creative and yet familiar. Pasta, seafood and various meats are available at all times, and specials adorn the menu that intrigue and please vary nightly. The meals that we chose were grilled sea bass served with black beans, spring vegetables sauteed in melons, and cilantro and mint garnish. The deep fried calamari (not to be discussed with my internist) was coated with a honey almond glaze and accompanied with a cucumber-cabbage cole slaw. The Caesar salads were crisp and cheesy. Other entrees were offered with an assortment of chilies, wild mushrooms, walnuts, chicory and horseradish cream sauce. The wine list is pleasurable and complimented any combination of tastes while remaining rea-

sonably priced. Desserts were incredible, fantastic and not ever to admit you ate.

The two rooms of Ivy's offered an array of secluded corners, large group tables and seats to be seen in while viewing your fellow diners. The restaurant has two storefront windows, light blue-green and white walls, white table settings which accented the striking color of the blood red tulips that adorned the tables.

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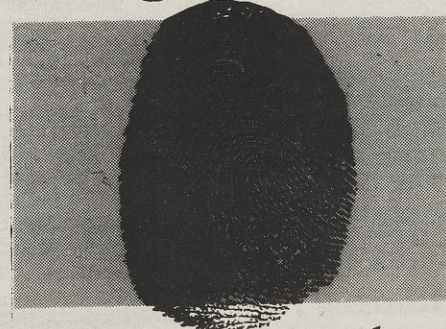
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Sacramento Men's Chorus Performs Spring Concert

Following their guest appearance in HEART STRINGS, a national AIDS benefit, the Sacramento Men's Chorus will perform its Spring Concert on Saturday, May 2nd at 8pm and Sunday, May 3rd at 3pm. Both concerts will be held at the Sierra II Theater at 2791 24th Street.

The concert, entitled "Epicurean Delight", will celebrate the human experience, focusing on the pleasures and anxieties of life and love. Also included in the performance will be the Chorus' own song and dance ensemble, Entourage.

The Sacramento Men's Chorus has performed in Sacramento and surrounding cities since 1984. Last year, the chorus was awarded an Arts Grant from the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission and performed with the Sacramento Symphony Association Orchestra and Chorus. The group is comprised of forty voices in a traditional four part chorus under the direction of Carl K. Naluai, Jr.

Singer, musician, conductor, composer, teacher: Naluai is the Cantor of Congregation B'nai Israel in Sacramento. Born in Hawaii, he grew up in the Los Angeles area and has made Sacramento his home since 1974. He received his

musical training in Europe (Austria, Germany and France) with an emphasis in Theatrical Conducting and Music History. He received his cantorial training in Europe as well. In addition to his congregational duties, he shares his talents with the local community as a lecturer in things Jewish and as a musical coach to many of the area's singers and instrumentalists. His talent in the area of composition and arranging have been enjoyed by numerous audiences as well as musicians—both vocal and instrumental—who have trained and performed under his tutelage and direction.

After this performance, the Chorus has planned two more performances. They will host a joint concert with "Die Schillmanner", a men's chorus from Karlsruhe, Germany on their West Coast tour Thursday, June 4th. On Friday, June 19th, the Chorus will hold a "Memorial Concert" to benefit local charities.

With this much talent and musical ability, the Sacramento Men's Chorus' spring performance "Epicurean Delight" will be both an entertaining and thought-provoking concert. Tickets can be purchased downtown at the Gifted Gardener, 2122 J Street, at the door before the concert, or by calling 916-444-5213.▼

Domestic Partners In Sacramento

by Marghe Covino
OF MGW STAFF

An interim steering committee was chosen by representatives of lesbian and gay groups in Sacramento to meet with Mayor Ann Rudin's staff to explore a domestic partners ordinance. The meeting was called by Mary Smith, Geni Cowan and Donna Yutzky of Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change (SLCC) in response to public statements made by Rudin and mayoral candidate Joe Serna which indicated they are ready to enact an ordinance. It is rumored that Rudin, who is in the final months of her term of office and is not running again, would like to have the ordinance in place before she leaves office in January.

Fundamentalist minister Glen Cole of the Capital Christian Center has vowed to fight the ordinance. Cole has been quoted as saying that the concept of domestic partners does not conform to his idea of "family."▼

For some reason they think this would take something away from them — that it jeopardizes their interpretation of "family," Smith said. "Nothing is further from the truth — why should our commitment to each other be harmful to them?"

The gay and lesbian group which met Sunday, now calls itself the Sacramento Family Diversity Task Force. On Sunday the Task Force explored issues and concerns surrounding a domestic partners ordinance; discussed coalition building and studied information about existing ordinances in California. On hand as resource persons were Laurie McBride, Executive Director of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) and Helyne Meshar, lobbyist for the City of West Hollywood.

The steering committee will meet with the Mayor's staff within the next two weeks and report to the Task Force at the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28.▼

Homophobic Football Coach

Bill McCartney, a popular football coach for a Colorado university, has drawn fire from university officials, students and political representatives alike for his controversial views regarding homosexuality and the usage of his university title and status to espouse his views.

In the March 25 issue of *The Sacramento Bee*, McCartney labeled homosexuals as "a group of people who don't reproduce yet want to be compared with people who do reproduce" and has said that homosexuals "burn with lust."

Many believe that McCartney has overstepped his bounds and were disgusted by his comments. Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colorado, labeled the coach a "hate-monger." McCartney is a voice for Colorado for Family Values, a group that is seeking to place an anti-gay initiative on the November ballot denying the minority group special privileges and rights.

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will not be able to return from. And it will be legal, because the fundamentalists will have passed the laws to make it so. And because they will be in control, it will be against the law to love the person you choose to love.

I'm scared—and I don't have any answers. But I want to find them. So I'm getting involved in starting a group called TOCSIN (it means sounding an alarm or warning). We're going to track the fundamentalists and their political activities across the country and network the information. It'll take work, and money, and the nerve of a cat-burglar—and I'll probably be scared stiff. But I won't be nearly as scared as I will be if we do nothing. Each and every one of us should be scared. Scared enough to do what we have to do to fight for our lives. Please, get involved, get active. Join an organization. Join a march. Join me! Look at the organization page of this newspaper, find a group that feels right for you and bring your friends. We must define ourselves, defend ourselves, and stop allowing the straight media and Pastor Glen Cole to define who we are and what we deserve.

The end of this nightmare begins and ends with you. With your vote, with your involvement, and with your heart. The nightmare is only beginning. How it ends is up to us.▼

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Lesbian Police Officer Sues Sacramento Police Department

The Employment Law Center of the Legal Aid Society of San Francisco announced that it is filing suit against the Sacramento Police Department on behalf of Officer Shawn Hansen. The law suit alleges harassment and discrimination against Hansen, an openly lesbian police officer.

"This is a very sad day for me," stated Officer Hansen. "Six years ago I entered the Sacramento Police Department with the desire that this be my life profession; ever since then I have been subjected to harassment and discrimination be-

cause I am a lesbian and refuse to hide it." Hansen also alleges that she was discriminated against because she is a woman.

The Legal Aid Society, through its nationally recognized Employment Law Center, is the only non-federally funded, not-for-profit agency in the country to focus exclusively on workplace justice. The Society addresses poverty and inequality of opportunity by securing the employment rights of minorities, women, lesbians and gay men, persons with disabilities, immigrants and the working poor.▼

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New Laws Protect Consumer

by Joan B. Guertin
OF MGW STAFF

It is a bit unnerving to think that we need "lemon laws" to protect us with the simple purchase of a puppy; however, because of the "mass production" of puppies in "puppy mills", genetically unsound puppies and physically unhealthy puppies end up in the hands of the unsuspecting consumer. Most of these puppies are impulse buys, and the price is usually quite high due to the high loss ratio during shipping, the overhead incurred in the maintenance of the pups until sale, and the loss of unhealthy puppies prior to sale. Currently there are a number of laws under consideration on a national level, and a new California statute, that are geared to protecting the consumer.

HR 3718--the "Puppy Protection Act" introduced by Ben Cardin on November 6, 1991, in collaboration with the Humane Society of the United States (aka "lemon law for puppies") will provide recourse for consumers who purchase a sickly or unsound puppy from pet stores and puppy mills. Unfortunately, as introduced, this bill defines every breeder in the nation as a puppy mill. There will be a great deal of discussion before this law is passed.

On a state level, AB 3088 (O'Connell) passed the Safety Committee and is well on the way to becoming law. This bill advocates the spaying/neutering of all animals released from a animal shelter within 60 days of release or by age six months, whichever applies. A violation is a misdemeanor and punishable by fines. The purpose of the bill is to cut down on the number of unwanted puppies and kittens. It should be noted, however, that a good number of these dogs will find their way back to the shelter and become statistics if the owners do not take responsibility for properly containing them in a securely fenced yard or kennel and training them, which usually requires a commitment to attend an obedience training class.

The most important bill for locals to take note of is SB 1020 (Rosenthal) which is now California Statute 530. This is now the law: every puppy seller must comply, and every puppy buyer has the right to expect it. It states that "dog dealers and dog breeders who sell a dog represented to be registered or registerable with a dog pedigree registry to provide the purchaser with a notice to the effect that pedigree registration does not guarantee a healthy dog, the quality of the lineage, the accuracy of the lineage recorded, nor that the dog is purebred." According to the statute, a dog breeder means any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other association which breeds and sells dogs at wholesale or retail. In other words, we are now required by law to present each and every puppy buyer with a DOG PEDIGREE REGISTRATION DISCLOSURE statement on a sepa-

ratesheet of paper from other forms. The wording of the disclosure is as follows with one copy going to the purchaser and one kept on file with the seller's records:

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Another word of warning to the puppy buyer. It is illegal for an AKC registered puppy to be sold without papers. Many sellers will advertise a price with and without papers. The AKC papers belong with the puppy. If a reputable breeder feels that the puppy sold is not of the quality that should be bred, then the breeder has the option to register that pup on a Limited Registration, which means that the pup can be shown in obedience and performance competition other than Breed Conformation, and any offspring of this animal is not eligible for registration by AKC. It is also legal, as part of a contract of sale, to withhold the registration papers until such time as the buyer complies with a written agreement to spay or neuter.

Fun With Your Dog

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Canine Companions for Independence will participate in The Human Race on Saturday, May 9th, rain or shine, at William Land Park. Registration is at 7am with the race beginning at 8:30am. This is a 5K/10K run and a 5K walk/wheel event sponsored by the Volunteer Centers in many communities. In 1991 Sacramento raised over \$85,000 for 61 different organizations. Call 722-4243 for more information and registration/pledge forms.

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Gay Rights Making Progress at United Ways

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Only weeks before the San Francisco-based United Way of the Bay Area announced April 8 that it was cutting off funds to local Boy Scouts because of the youth group's anti-gay policies, another United Way had already been instrumental in putting other United Ways throughout the state on notice that the battle for lesbian/gay rights is hardly going away and is increasingly going to be an issue the giant network of charities will have to address.

The United Way of Sonoma-Mendocino-Lake (UW/SML), covering three counties of the state's rural northern coastal area, in March approved a resolution to "prepare itself and affiliate agencies for legal change that, as history has shown, will be expanding civil rights and embracing new groups of people."

Kathy Goodacre, communications director for UW/SML, said the resolution has led the agency to adopt its own anti-discrimination employment policies including sexual orientation. She also said the agency has discussed launching a training program for the agency and its affiliated member agencies with the United Way of the Bay Area's Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

In the meantime, the Sacramento-based United Way of California

(UWC), the umbrella agency that provides services to the scores of local United Ways in the state, decided the UW/SML resolution was the kind of stuff the charities had better start looking at - sooner rather than later and whether they wanted to or not.

UWC sent copies of the resolution to all the local United Ways in the state, perhaps as a foretaste of the impact the lesbian/gay civil right movement is likely to have on the nation's largest charities.

While fewer than a half-dozen of the 1,400 United Ways in the U.S. have anti-bias policies governing their member agencies that include sexual orientation, most insist that funded service groups adhere to federal and state non-discrimination laws. As a growing number of states adopt laws prohibiting anti-gay discrimination, United Ways around the nation will be increasingly faced with a built-in funding conflict like the one over Boy Scout funding.

The UW/SML board resolution recognizes the charity's guiding principle of "inclusiveness" is being strained by the conflict. The agency recognized, however, that "to ignore this public welfare issue would be in violation of our United Way's mission" to increase the organized capacity of people in Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake Counties to care more for one another.

The resolution concludes that "if, as a result of debate and public policy, law changes, then so must the administration of United Way ... and the relationship it has with affiliated agencies." That, Goodacre said, is what United Ways throughout the country have to begin getting used to. "Just as the black civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s forced social institutions like the United Way to change, the political and social changes being brought about by the gay rights movement are something we are also going to have to adjust to."▼

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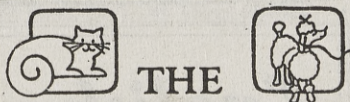


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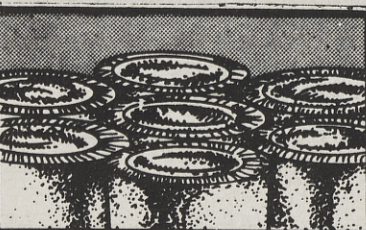
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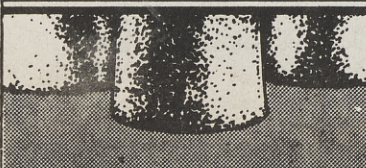
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APRIL

15 - Wednesday

Federal/State Tax Filing Deadline!
Candidates' Night, Green Party, Dist. 4, 6, 8, 917 H St., 6:30pm, 441-5735.
County Drug & Alcohol Abuse Steering Committee, 4875 Broadway, Rm. 1A, 5:30pm, 444-0424.
Lambda Comm. Ctr. Board Mtg., Lambda Comm. Ctr., 1931 L St., 6:30pm, 442-0185.

16 - Thursday

Gay/Lesbian Alliance of SAC (GLAS) Mtg., CSUS Stud. Union Board Chambers, 600 J St., 8pm.
Twin Spirit Veterans of SAC Mtg., RCMCC Social Hall, 34th & Broadway, 7:30pm, 446-6405.

17 - Friday

SLCC Night, An Evening of Astrology with Jean Ritchey, Pam, Jean, 687-7282.

18 - Saturday

Karen Ripley & Over Our Heads, SACWN, Holiday Inn, 5321 Date, 7pm, 486-8985.
Art Sale, Dexter Smith et. al., I.D.E.A., 3414 4th Ave., 6pm, 447-6209.

19 - Sunday

SAC Action, Capital Christian Center, 9470 Micron Blvd. (Bradshaw exit), 8am, 863-2518, x3030.

20 - Monday

"A Night of Erotica", Women's Rap & Social, Lambda Comm. Ctr., 7pm, 442-0185.
"A Concert for Life", Channel 40, 8pm.
RCDCEndorsement Meeting, Barbara Boxer, Sierra 2 Comm. Ctr., 2791 24th St., 6:30pm, 451-1970.
UCDMC Gay/Les/Bisexual Awareness Week, G.L.U.E., thru Apr. 24.

21 - Tuesday

SLCC General Meeting & Birthday Party, Lambda Comm. Ctr., 1931 L St., 7pm, 863-3020, Op. 1, Box 4.
P-FLAG Meeting, St. Mark's UMC, 2391 St. Marks Way, 7:30pm, 665-1050.
CSUS Lesbian/Bisexual Soc. Support Gp., CSUS Union, Miwok Rm., 2pm, 278-7388.

22 - Wednesday

1992 Arts Day, Registration & Regional Mtgs., Capitol Plaza Halls, 1025 9th St., 8:30am, call for schedule, 447-7811.
Earth Day.

23 - Thursday

"Romeo & Juliet", Sacramento Ballet, 7pm, 264-5181.
Coronation 1992: "Nouveau Art/Dinner at Eight", thru Apr. 26th, CGNIE, Inc.
"In Town Show and Roast", CGNIE, Inc., Faces, 2000 K St., 8pm, no cover, 444-0108.
"Rep & More", Dale Scholl Dance Art, 24th St. Theater, 2791 24th St., thru Apr 25, 483-4017.
"Cheers" w/ Harvey Fierstein, NBC, 9pm ET.

24 - Friday

"Romeo & Juliet", Sacramento Ballet, 8pm, 264-5181.
"Out of Town Show and Roast", CGNIE Inc, Townhouse, 1517 21st St., 10:30pm, \$5 cover, 444-0108.
Pikes Peak United Rodeo, C.G.R.A., thru Apr. 26, 303-839-8810.
"HIV/AIDS Issues of Concern to the Mental Health Provider", UCD Med. Ctr. Cancer Aud., 8:30am, 366-2922

25 - Saturday

"Romeo & Juliet", Sacramento Ballet, 2pm & 8pm, 264-5181.
"Coronation 1992", CGNIE Inc., Turn Verein Hall, 3349 J St., 6pm, \$20, 442-7360.
CAP PAC Endorsement Meeting, Lambda Comm. Ctr., 1931 L St., 10am, 442-0185.
Barbara Borden, "All Hearts Beating", IMA Center/Retreat, Bodega, 8pm, 707-876-3004.
"A Concert for Life", MTV, 12pm.
Common Sense Dog Training, Quarry Park, Rocklin, 8:30am, 925-7355.
Camping Women Spring Dance, RCMCC, \$5, 7pm

26 - Sunday

GLAAD/East Bay Meeting, Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave., 7pm, 510-273-9176.
Concert: Hilda Jones, Harpsichordist, Crocker Art Museum Ballroom, 3pm, 264-5423.

Sunday Reading Series '92, Time-Tested Books, 1114 21st St., 7:30pm, \$2-5 donation, 447-5696.

27 - Monday

"Open Rap", Women's Rap & Social, Lambda Comm. Ctr., 7pm, 442-0185.

28 - Tuesday

CSUS Lesbian/Bisexual Soc. Support Gp., CSUS Union, SAC Rm., 2pm, 278-7388.

29 - Wednesday

Candidates' Night, Green Party, Cty. Sup. Dist. 3 & 4, 917 H St., 6:30pm, 441-5735.

Common Sense Dog Training, Bohemian Park, 2 blks. west of Fulton/2 blks. north of Marconi, on Yellowstone, 6:30pm, 925-7355.

P-FLAG 10th Anniv. Celebration, A Shot of Class, 1020 11th St., 6pm, 665-1050.

30 - Thursday

Educational Conference, SAC Coalition Against Hate/Violence, Chambers of SAC Cty. Board of Supervisors, 700 H St., 5pm, 551-2776.

MAY

1 - Friday

7th National Anniversary Convention/Celebration, Celebrating Gay and Lesbian Relationships, Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Hollywood, 818-458-7657.

Educational Conference, SAC Coalition Against Hate/Violence, Chambers of SAC Cty. Board of Supervisors, 700 H St., 8am, 551-2776.

May 1 I.W.W. Benefit, Time-Tested Books, 1114 21st St., 7:30pm, 447-5696.

2 - Saturday

Highland Games & Gathering, SAC Caledonian Club, 7759 Juan Way, F.O., thru May 3, 863-0727.

SAC Symphony Gala, Carter Nice conducting, SAC Comm. Ctr., 8pm.

An Evening of Movement and Music to Support Women with Cancer, UC-B Campus, Wheeler Aud., Berkeley, 8pm, \$12-100 sliding scale, 510-548-9272.

"Epicurean Delight", SAC Men's Chorus, Sierra II Theater, 2791 24th St., 8pm, 641-8775.

"A Day of Learning, Lunch & Fun", Sr. Hlth. Found., SAC Sr. Ctr., 915 27th St., Carol, 442-1756.

3 - Sunday

"Epicurean Delight", SAC Men's Chorus, Sierra II Theater, 2791 24th St., 3pm, 641-8775.

Lambda U., S&M Workshops, "Tactile Play", Wreck Room, 442-0185.

Lambda Letters Annual Auction, Townhouse, 3pm, 965-6851.

5 - Tuesday

CSUS Lesbian/Bisexual Soc. Support Gp., CSUS Union, Miwok Rm., 2pm, 278-7388.

INVOLVED! Awards Reception, Best Western/Placerville Inn, Alexander Rm., 6850 Greenleaf Dr., Placer., 676-5532

7 - Thursday

Dixon May Fair, Dixon Fairgrounds, 655 South First St., Dixon, 678-5529.

Sacramento Cty. Fair, Cal Expo, thru May 10.

GLAAD/SFBA Meeting, 514 Castro #B, SF, 7pm, 415-861-4588.

SLCC Events & Fundraising Meeting, 451-0201.

9 - Saturday

Mother's Day Picnic, SACWN, Beach Lake Preserve, 12pm, 486-8985.

10 - Sunday

2nd Ann. Breast Cancer Rally, West Steps of Capitol, 2pm, 334-2273.

12 - Tuesday

CSUS Lesbian/Bisexual Soc. Support Gp., CSUS Union, Miwok Rm., 2pm, 278-7388.

13 - Wednesday

Candidates Night, Green Party, County Council, 917 H St., 6:30pm, 441-5735.

14 - Thursday

Calaveras Cty. Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee, Angels Camp, 209-736-2561.

15 - Friday

SLCC Nite, Domestic Partners Ordinance, 7pm, 687-7282.



Cherie (Cathleen Holvick) and Bo (Brian Siewert) in the comedy *Bus Stop* through May 10 at Garbeau's Dinner Theater. For reservations: 985-6361.

16 - Saturday

Wooden Boat Concourse d'Elegance, Bass Lake, thru May 17, 209-642-3676.

Common Sense Dog Training, 6424 Sutter Ave., Carm., 6:30pm, 485-2201.

17 - Sunday

Sunday Reading Series '92, Time-Tested Books, 1114 21st St., 7:30pm, \$2-5, 447-5696.

Lambda U., S&M Workshops, "Handballing", Wreck Room, 442-0185.

18 - Monday

SAF: Where is It Going and What is It Doing?, SAF, 920 20th Street, 2nd Floor, 448-2437.

S.A.G.A. IV Skate Party, King's Skate Country, 2900 Bradshaw, 8:30pm, \$5, 635-1535.

20 - Wednesday

Women in Action Lobby Day, SAC Comm. Conv. Ctr., 442-3414.

22 - Friday

Dixieland Jubilee, SAC, thru May 25, 372-5277.

24 - Sunday

GLAAD/East Bay Meeting, Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave., 7pm, 510-273-9176.

26 - Tuesday

Common Sense Dog Training, Fieckert Park, off Elk Grove Blvd., on Emerald Vista., 6:30pm, 485-2201.

27 - Wednesday

"Sexual Healing for Incest/Molested Survivors & Their Partners", Charter Hospital, Roseville, 7pm, 800-648-5400.

30 - Saturday

CAP PAC Annual Dinner, Sacramento Community Center.

Envision 18 Conference, ADAC, thru May 31, 731-8802.

31 - Sunday

Sunday Reading Series '92, Time-Tested Books, 1114 21st St., 7:30pm, \$2-5 donation, 447-5696.

JUNE

1 - Monday

Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, thru May 12.

2 - Tuesday

General Elections, CA Primary, Don't forget to vote!

4 - Thursday

GLAAD/SFBA Meeting, 514 Castro #B, SF, 7pm, 415-861-4588.

"Civil Rights: What's Left...What's Right?", CA Association of Human Rights Organizations, Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn, 300 J St., thru Jun. 6.

Common Sense Dog Training, Curtis Park, Sutterville & E. Curtis at 10th, 6:30pm, 485-2201.

5 - Friday

UN World Environment Day.

Monica Grant, BACW, Modesto Jr. College Recital Hall, 8pm, 209-527-8237.

7 - Sunday

Lambda U., S&M Workshops, "Blood Sports", Wreck Room, 442-0185.

League Softball, 21st & C St., 12pm.

12 - Friday

Camping Women, Mariah white water rafting trip & campout, 689-9326 or 638-4749.

13 - Saturday

Sixth Annual Int'l Lesbian & Gay Bodybuilding Championships, Lowell High School, S.F.

14 - Sunday

League Softball, 21st & C St., 12pm.

15 - Monday

S.A.G.A. IV Skate Party, King's Skate Country, 2900 Bradshaw, 8:30pm, \$5, 635-1535.

20 - Saturday

SAC City Auction, SAC Comm. Ctr. Exhibit Hall B, 13th & J St., 8am, 264-5708.

SACWN Pride Dance, Unitarian Meeting House, 447-7255.

Lambda Freedom Fair, McKinley Park, 10am, 442-0185.

21 - Sunday

League Softball, 21st & C St., 12pm.

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Theater Rhinoceros, 415-861-5079. Cowell Theater, Fort Mason Center, S.F., "The Baddest of Boys," May 14-31.

Carmichael Civic Theater, 5802 Robertson Ave., Carm., 483-2775, "Cotton Patch Gospel", Apr. 17, 18.

Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, 985-6361, "Bus Stop", Apr. 20-May 10, "Driving Miss Daisy", May 15-Jul. 12.

Guild Theater, 2830 35th St., 446-1388, "Vague Syndromes", Apr. 10-May 23.

Idea Gallery Theater, 3414 4th Ave., 447-6209, "Diamond Dust", May 15-Jul 31.

Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., 442-0185, "Men of Manhattan", thru Apr. 19, "Levitaton", May 23-Jun. 21, Original Script, Jul. 25-Aug 23.

The York Hotel, 940 Sutter St., SF, 415-885-6800, Murder Mystery Dinner, May 9.

Davis Comic Opera Co., Veterans Memorial Theater, 14th and B St, Davis, 758-3262, "The New Moon", Apr. 16-18.

Theater Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., SF, 415-861-5079, "Twice Over".

Sacramento Theater Co., 1419 H St., 443-6722, "At the Still Point", Apr. 17-May 10, "Starting Here, Starting Now", May 15-Jun. 6.

Studio of Dramatic Arts, Guild Theater, 35th & Broadway, 339-0813. "Bell, Book & Candle", AIDS Benefit Show, May 28-30, Jun. 4-6, 11-13.

Music Circus, 1419 H St., 557-1999. Chess, July 6-12, Oklahoma, July 13-19, Fiddler on the Roof, July 20-26, The Sound of Music, July 27-August 2, Funny Girl, August 3-9, Hello, Dolly, August 10-16, Cabaret, August 17-23.

GALLERIES

Archival Framing Gallery, 1729 L St., 444-9624, "Perspectives in Realism", thru Apr. 22, "Gone Fishin'", Apr. 25-May 30.

Crocker Art Museum, 3rd & O St., 264-5423. Dan Babor, thru May 24, Hubert A. Arnold Vessels, thru May 31, Viola Frey Figures, thru May 17, 67th Annual Crocker-Kingsley Exhibition, Apr. 25-Jun. 4, Mythic Maps, thru May 24, SAC Cty. H.S. Art & Photojournalism, thru May 31.

Himovitz-Miller Gallery, 550 Pavilions Ln., 925-5917. Tom Eckert, Robert Pengelly, thru Apr. 25.

Institute for Design and Experimental Art, 3414 4th Ave., 452-0949. "Heat", by William Gilbert, thru Apr. 18, "Inter Faces", thru Apr. 25.

Joyce Abreu Gallery, 3712 Auburn Blvd., 488-1211. "The Shell Series", Judy Hall, thru Apr. 30, Special Spring Showing, Carol Collette, Barbara Wood, Alice Scott, Sergi Yatsenko, Angelo Destefano, thru Jun. 30.

John Natsoulas Gallery, 140 F St., Davis, 756-3938. "The Spirit Made Visible", May 9-31, recep. May 9, 7pm., 6th Annual 30 Ceramic Sculptors, thru May 3.

Matrix Gallery, 1725 I St., 441-4818. Ellen Bepp & Monica Joet, thru Apr. 24.

Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th, 448-8723. Suzanne Adan, Ron Nagle, Kathy Noonan, Kam Jacobi, thru Apr. 25.

Paragary's Bar & Oven, 2384 Fair Oaks Blvd., 485-7100. Buz Walker Teach, to Apr. 24.

Shenandoah Gallery, 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth, 209-245-4455. Helen Wood, Nancy Paterson, May 8-Jul 1, Pat Conway, Jul. 4-Aug. 26.

Spectrum/Himovitz Gallery, 511 Harrison, S.F., 415-495-1113. Ken Scott, Stephanie Skaliaky, Kim Scott, thru Apr. 25.

"Spring Salon 2", Apr. 25-May 16, call for location, 441-7025.

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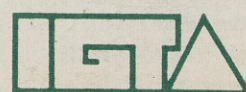


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